

HOUSE COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE REPORT

March 16, 2021

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Chair of Committee

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Date

Committee on Public & Behavioral Health & Human Services.

After consideration on the merits, the Committee recommends the following:

HB21-1099 be amended as follows, and as so amended, be referred to the Committee on Appropriations with favorable recommendation:

1 Amend printed bill page 2, after line 3 insert:

2           "(a) It is vital to keep children safe and families healthy and  
3 enhance the state's response to domestic abuse. Because the child welfare  
4 system has proven to disproportionately impact low-income families and  
5 members of Black, Indigenous, and persons of color communities,  
6 policies, rules, or procedures that address the impact of domestic abuse  
7 on families must be drafted with the goal of ensuring that these  
8 communities are not disproportionately or unfairly impacted.

9           (b) Colorado can improve its diversity training and promote the  
10 understanding of the culture and background of the families that the child  
11 welfare system serves;"

12 Reletter succeeding subparagraphs accordingly.

13 Page 3, line 1, after "connect" insert "a specific incident of".

14 Page 3, strike lines 19 through 27.

15 Page 4, strike line 1.

16 Renumber succeeding C.R.S. sections accordingly.

17 Page 4, line 4, strike "**Best**" and substitute "**Domestic abuse task force**



1 - creation - best".

2 Page 4, strike lines 6 through 9 and substitute:

3 "rules. (1) (a) THE STATE DEPARTMENT SHALL CREATE A  
4 DOMESTIC ABUSE TASK FORCE, REFERRED TO IN THIS SECTION AS THE  
5 "TASK FORCE". THE TASK FORCE MUST BE FORMED FOR NO MORE THAN  
6 TWO YEARS. THE TASK FORCE SHALL REVIEW RECOMMENDATIONS FROM  
7 THE STATE DEPARTMENT'S DOMESTIC ABUSE PROGRAM AND CHILD  
8 WELFARE WORKGROUP TO DEVELOP A STATUTORY DEFINITION FOR THIS  
9 TITLE 19 THAT DEFINES DOMESTIC ABUSE AND RECOGNIZES THE IMPACT  
10 DOMESTIC ABUSE MAY HAVE ON THE EMOTIONAL AND DEVELOPMENTAL  
11 WELL-BEING OF A CHILD.

12 (b) THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE TASK FORCE MUST REPRESENT THE  
13 BROAD CULTURAL AND SOCIOECONOMIC DIVERSITY OF THE STATE,  
14 INCLUDING PERSONS WITH LIVED EXPERIENCES OR PROFESSIONAL  
15 EXPERTISE. THE TASK FORCE MAY INCLUDE MEMBERS FROM THE STATE  
16 DEPARTMENT'S DOMESTIC ABUSE PROGRAM AND CHILD WELFARE  
17 WORKGROUP.

18 (c) THE STATE DEPARTMENT SHALL REPORT TO THE HEALTH AND  
19 HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE OF THE SENATE AND THE PUBLIC AND  
20 BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE OF THE HOUSE OF  
21 REPRESENTATIVES, OR ANY SUCCESSOR COMMITTEES, WITH THE  
22 RECOMMENDED DEFINITION PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (1)(a) OF THIS  
23 SECTION NO LATER THAN DECEMBER 2022.

24 Page 4, line 10, strike "2022" and substitute "2023".

25 Page 4, line 11, strike "RULES" and substitute "RULES BASED ON  
26 RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE DOMESTIC ABUSE PROGRAM AND CHILD  
27 WELFARE WORKGROUP, WHICH MUST BE VETTED BY THE TASK FORCE,".

28 Page 4, line 16, strike "RECOGNIZE" and substitute "RECOGNIZE,  
29 RESPOND,".

30 Page 4, line 17, strike "ABUSE;" and substitute "ABUSE WHILE  
31 APPROPRIATELY CONSIDERING THE ROLE OF THE NON-ABUSIVE PARENT  
32 AND DIVERSITY SENSITIVITIES;".

33 Page 4, line 18, strike "ASSESSMENT".



1 Page 4, line 19, strike "POLICIES AND PROCEDURES" and substitute  
2 "TRAINING MATERIALS".

3 Page 4, line 19, after "RECOGNIZE" insert "AND REPORT".

4 Page 4, line 20, strike "AND".

5 Page 4, line 23, after "RECOGNIZE" insert "AND RESPOND TO".

6 Page 4, line 24, strike "ABUSE." and substitute "ABUSE WHILE  
7 APPROPRIATELY CONSIDERING THE ROLE OF THE NON-ABUSIVE PARENT  
8 AND DIVERSITY SENSITIVITIES; AND".

9 Page 4, after line 24 insert:

10 "(d) ESTABLISHING TRAINING STANDARDS TO IMPLEMENT UPDATED  
11 ASSESSMENT POLICIES AND PROCEDURES FOR CHILD WELFARE  
12 CASEWORKERS TO RECOGNIZE AND RESPOND TO CHILD ABUSE OR NEGLECT  
13 RELATED TO DOMESTIC ABUSE WHILE APPROPRIATELY CONSIDERING THE  
14 ROLE OF THE ABUSIVE PARENT AND DIVERSITY SENSITIVITIES."

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