

CHAPTER 216

COURTS

SENATE BILL 16-205

BY SENATOR(S) Lambert, Grantham, Steadman, Newell;
also REPRESENTATIVE(S) Hamner, Young, Rankin, Klingenschmitt, Moreno, Pabon, Ryden, Vigil, Hullinghorst.

AN ACT**CONCERNING PAYMENT FOR EXPENSES OF INDIGENT PARENTS.**

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:

SECTION 1. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 19-3-607, **amend** (1) as follows:

19-3-607. Expert testimony. (1) An indigent parent has the right to have appointed one expert witness of his OR HER own choosing whose reasonable fees and expenses, subject to the ~~court's~~ review and approval BY THE OFFICE OF THE RESPONDENT PARENTS' COUNSEL, shall be paid by the state of Colorado pursuant to section 19-3-610.

SECTION 2. In Colorado Revised Statutes, **amend** 19-3-610 as follows:

19-3-610. Budgetary allocation for expenses. The general assembly shall make annual appropriations to the office of the ~~state court administrator~~ RESPONDENT PARENTS' COUNSEL for the purpose of meeting the expenses of sections 19-3-607 (1) and 19-3-609 (2).

SECTION 3. Effective date. This act takes effect July 1, 2016.

SECTION 4. Safety clause. The general assembly hereby finds, determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.

Approved: June 6, 2016

Capital letters indicate new material added to existing statutes; dashes through words indicate deletions from existing statutes and such material not part of act.