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**HOUSE BILL 18-1021**

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**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

101      **CONCERNING ADDRESSING THE ISSUE OF YOUTH WHO ARE**  
102              **EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS IN COLORADO, AND, IN**  
103              **CONNECTION THEREWITH, MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.**

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**Bill Summary**

*(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://leg.colorado.gov>.)*

The bill establishes the task force concerning youth who are experiencing homelessness (task force) to study and make recommendations on issues related to the issue of youth experiencing homelessness in Colorado. The membership of the task force is set forth, as well as reporting requirements and a repeal date.

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.  
Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material to be added to existing statute.  
Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.

The bill makes conforming amendments to correct citations to an earlier relocation of the office of homeless youth services to the department of local affairs.

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

2           **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 24-32-723.5 as  
3 follows:

4           **24-32-723.5. Task force 5concerning youth who are**  
5 **experiencing homelessness - creation - membership - duties - report**  
6 **- legislative declaration - definitions.** (1) (a) THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
7 FINDS AND DECLARES THAT:

8           (I) MORE THAN EIGHTY-THREE THOUSAND YOUTH BETWEEN THE  
9 AGES OF FOURTEEN AND TWENTY-FOUR ARE HOMELESS IN THE UNITED  
10 STATES;

11           (II) THE MOST VULNERABLE SEGMENT OF COLORADO'S  
12 POPULATION, CHILDREN AND YOUTH, ARE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS  
13 AT AN INCREASING RATE;

14           (III) HOMELESSNESS HAS A SIGNIFICANT NEGATIVE IMPACT ON THE  
15 WELL-BEING OF INDIVIDUALS, PARTICULARLY THOSE WHO EXPERIENCE IT  
16 AT A YOUNG AGE; AND

17           (IV) UNACCOMPANIED CHILDREN AND YOUTH WHO EXPERIENCE  
18 HOMELESSNESS EXPERIENCE SIGNIFICANT IMMEDIATE AND LONG-TERM  
19 TRAUMA.

20           (b) THEREFORE, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY DECLARES THAT IT IS IN  
21 THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE STATE OF COLORADO TO ESTABLISH A TASK  
22 FORCE TO EXAMINE COLORADO'S SYSTEM OF SERVICES AND CREATE AND  
23 COORDINATE A STATE PLAN TO SUPPORT BETTER OUTCOMES FOR CHILDREN  
24 AND YOUTH WHO ARE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS.

1           (2) AS USED IN THIS SECTION, UNLESS THE CONTEXT OTHERWISE  
2 REQUIRES:

3           (a) "TASK FORCE" MEANS THE TASK FORCE CONCERNING YOUTH  
4 WHO ARE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS CREATED IN SUBSECTION (3) OF  
5 THIS SECTION.

6           (b) "YOUTH WHO IS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS" MEANS A  
7 YOUTH WHO IS AT LEAST ELEVEN YEARS OF AGE BUT IS LESS THAN  
8 TWENTY-FIVE YEARS OF AGE AND:

9           (I) WHO LACKS A FIXED, REGULAR, AND ADEQUATE NIGHTTIME  
10 RESIDENCE; OR

11           (II) WHO HAS A PRIMARY NIGHTTIME RESIDENCE THAT IS:

12           (A) A SUPERVISED, PUBLICLY OR PRIVATELY OPERATED SHELTER  
13 DESIGNED TO PROVIDE TEMPORARY LIVING ACCOMMODATIONS, OTHER  
14 THAN A PUBLICLY OR PRIVATELY OPERATED ACCOMMODATION THAT HAS  
15 A PRIMARY PURPOSE OF DETAINING OR OTHERWISE IMPRISONING AN  
16 INDIVIDUAL PURSUANT TO AN ACT OF CONGRESS OR A STATE LAW; OR

17           (B) A PUBLIC OR PRIVATE PLACE NOT DESIGNED FOR, NOR  
18 ORDINARILY USED AS, A REGULAR SLEEPING ACCOMMODATION FOR  
19 HUMAN BEINGS.

20           (3) THERE IS CREATED IN THE DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL AFFAIRS THE  
21 TASK FORCE CONCERNING YOUTH WHO ARE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS.  
22 THE PURPOSE OF THE TASK FORCE IS TO EXAMINE COLORADO'S CURRENT  
23 SYSTEM OF CARE AND SERVICES FOR YOUTH TO PREVENT AND END  
24 HOMELESSNESS FOR YOUTH. THE TASK FORCE SHALL RECOMMEND  
25 SOLUTIONS ON ISSUES INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO:

26           (a) WAYS TO INCREASE ACCESS TO SAFE SHELTER AND SERVICES  
27 FOR YOUTH WHO ARE LESS THAN EIGHTEEN YEARS OF AGE;

1 (b) INCREASING COORDINATION BETWEEN EXISTING STATE  
2 DEPARTMENTS; THE CONTINUUM OF CARE PROGRAM AGENCIES, AS  
3 DEFINED IN THE FEDERAL "MCKINNEY-VENTO HOMELESS ASSISTANCE  
4 ACT OF 1987", AS AMENDED BY THE FEDERAL "HOMELESS EMERGENCY  
5 ASSISTANCE AND RAPID TRANSITION TO HOUSING (HEARTH) ACT OF  
6 2009", AND THE CONTINUUM OF CARE PROGRAM ESTABLISHED IN FEDERAL  
7 RULE 24 CFR 578.5(a); AND NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS PROVIDING  
8 SERVICES TO YOUTH WHO ARE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS;

9 (c) WAYS TO INCREASE APPROPRIATE QUALITY HOUSING AND  
10 OTHER SERVICES FOR YOUTH WHO ARE AT LEAST EIGHTEEN YEARS OF AGE  
11 BUT LESS THAN TWENTY-FIVE YEARS OF AGE WHO ARE AT RISK OF OR  
12 CURRENTLY EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS;

13 (d) ENSURING A STATEWIDE STRATEGY THAT PREVENTS AND ENDS  
14 HOMELESSNESS; AND

15 (e) EVALUATING OUTCOMES AND REPORTING BACK ON  
16 COLORADO'S PROGRESS TOWARD PREVENTING AND ENDING YOUTH  
17 HOMELESSNESS.

18 (4) (a) THE TASK FORCE CONSISTS OF TWENTY-ONE MEMBERS,  
19 APPOINTED AS FOLLOWS:

20 (I) THE DIRECTOR OF THE DIVISION OF HOUSING IN THE  
21 DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL AFFAIRS, OR HIS OR HER DESIGNEE;

22 (II) THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, OR HIS OR HER DESIGNEE;

23 (III) THE DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF ADULT AND JUVENILE  
24 JUSTICE IN THE DIVISION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE, AS APPOINTED BY THE  
25 DIRECTOR OF THE DIVISION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE, OR HIS OR HER  
26 DESIGNEE;

27 (IV) THE DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND

1 FAMILIES IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES, OR HIS OR HER  
2 DESIGNEE;

3 (V) THE DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH IN THE  
4 DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES, OR HIS OR HER DESIGNEE;

5 (VI) THE COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION, OR HIS OR HER DESIGNEE;

6 (VII) THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR  
7 AND EMPLOYMENT, OR HIS OR HER DESIGNEE;

8 (VIII) THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH  
9 CARE POLICY AND FINANCING, OR HIS OR HER DESIGNEE; AND

10 (IX) THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF THE CHILD'S  
11 REPRESENTATIVE, OR HIS OR HER DESIGNEE;

12 (X) TEN MEMBERS APPOINTED BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF  
13 THE DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL AFFAIRS AS FOLLOWS:

14 (A) TWO YOUTH WHO HAVE EXPERIENCED HOMELESSNESS;

15 (B) THREE REPRESENTATIVES FROM LICENSED FACILITIES FOR  
16 YOUTH WHO ARE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS, WITH ONE  
17 REPRESENTATIVE EACH FROM A RURAL, SUBURBAN, AND URBAN AREA;

18 (C) ONE REPRESENTATIVE FROM AN ORGANIZATION THAT SERVES  
19 YOUTH WHO ARE YOUNGER THAN EIGHTEEN YEARS OF AGE AND  
20 EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS;

21 (D) ONE REPRESENTATIVE FROM AN ORGANIZATION THAT SERVES  
22 YOUTH WHO ARE AT LEAST EIGHTEEN YEARS OF AGE BUT YOUNGER THAN  
23 TWENTY-FIVE YEARS OF AGE AND EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS;

24 (E) TWO REPRESENTATIVES FROM ONE OR MORE STATEWIDE  
25 ORGANIZATIONS THAT ADVOCATE TO END YOUTH HOMELESSNESS; AND

26 (F) ONE REPRESENTATIVE FROM AN ADVOCACY GROUP FOR THE  
27 LEGAL RIGHTS OF YOUTH; AND

1 (XI) TWO REPRESENTATIVES OF COUNTY DEPARTMENTS OF HUMAN  
2 OR SOCIAL SERVICES, ONE OF WHICH MUST REPRESENT AN URBAN COUNTY  
3 AND ONE OF WHICH MUST REPRESENT A RURAL COUNTY, EACH APPOINTED  
4 BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES.

5 (b) THE MEMBERS OF THE TASK FORCE SHALL SERVE ON A  
6 VOLUNTARY BASIS WITHOUT COMPENSATION.

7 (5) (a) THE TASK FORCE SHALL CONVENE ON OR BEFORE JULY 1,  
8 2018, AND MEET A MINIMUM OF SIX TIMES PRIOR TO JUNE 30, 2020.

9 (b) THE TASK FORCE SHALL PREPARE A REPORT ON OR BEFORE  
10 AUGUST 1, 2019, AND ANOTHER REPORT ON OR BEFORE AUGUST 1, 2020,  
11 THAT INCLUDES RECOMMENDATIONS ON EACH OF THE ISSUES SET FORTH  
12 IN SUBSECTION (3) OF THIS SECTION. THE TASK FORCE SHALL SUBMIT EACH  
13 REPORT TO THE DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL AFFAIRS AND TO THE LOCAL  
14 GOVERNMENT COMMITTEES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND THE  
15 SENATE, OR ANY SUCCESSOR COMMITTEES.

16 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-1.9-102, **amend**  
17 (1)(a) introductory portion, (1)(a)(VII), and (1)(a)(VIII); and **add**  
18 (1)(a)(IX) as follows:

19 **24-1.9-102. Memorandum of understanding - local-level**  
20 **interagency oversight groups - individualized service and support**  
21 **teams - coordination of services for children and families -**  
22 **requirements - waiver.** (1) (a) Local representatives of each of the  
23 agencies specified in this subsection (1)(a) and county departments of  
24 HUMAN OR social services may enter into memorandums of understanding  
25 that are designed to promote a collaborative system of local-level  
26 interagency oversight groups and individualized service and support  
27 teams to coordinate and manage the provision of services to children and

1 families who would benefit from integrated multi-agency services. The  
2 memorandums of understanding entered into pursuant to this subsection  
3 (1) must be between interested county departments of HUMAN OR social  
4 services and local representatives of each of the following agencies or  
5 entities:

6 (VII) A designated managed service organization for the provision  
7 of treatment services for alcohol and drug abuse OR SUBSTANCE USE  
8 DISORDERS pursuant to section 27-80-107; ~~C.R.S.~~; and

9 (VIII) A domestic abuse program as defined in section  
10 26-7.5-102, ~~C.R.S.~~; if representation from such a program is available;  
11 AND

12 (IX) ~~A SERVICE PROVIDER FOR YOUTH WHO ARE EXPERIENCING~~  
13 ~~HOMELESSNESS, IF SUCH SERVICE PROVIDER EXISTS WITHIN THE COUNTY,~~  
14 ~~AND IF THE SERVICE PROVIDER'S PARTICIPATION IS RELEVANT TO THE~~  
15 ~~PROGRAM.~~

16 **SECTION 3.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-1-120, **amend** (5)  
17 introductory portion; and **repeal** (5)(i) as follows:

18 **24-1-120. Department of human services - creation.** (5) The  
19 department of human services ~~shall include~~ INCLUDES the following:

20 (i) ~~The office of homeless youth services, created by article 5.9 of~~  
21 ~~title 26, C.R.S. Said office and its powers, duties, and functions are~~  
22 ~~transferred by a type 2 transfer to the department of human services.~~

23 **SECTION 4.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-1-125, **amend** (2)  
24 introductory portion; and **add** (2)(n) as follows:

25 **24-1-125. Department of local affairs - creation.** (2) The  
26 department of local affairs ~~shall consist~~ CONSISTS of the following  
27 divisions:

1           (n) THE OFFICE OF HOMELESS YOUTH SERVICES, CREATED BY  
2 SECTION 24-32-723. SUCH OFFICE AND ITS POWERS, DUTIES, AND  
3 FUNCTIONS ARE TRANSFERRED BY A **TYPE 2** TRANSFER TO THE  
4 DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL AFFAIRS.

5           **SECTION 5. Appropriation.** For the 2018-19 state fiscal year,  
6 \$13,894 is appropriated to the department of local affairs for use by the  
7 division of housing. This appropriation is from the general fund and is  
8 based on an assumption that the division will require an additional 0.3  
9 FTE. To implement this act, the division may use this appropriation for  
10 personal services related to administration.

11           **SECTION 6. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,  
12 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate  
13 preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.