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STATE OF COLORADO**

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HOUSE BILL 20-1011

HOUSE SPONSORSHIP

Wilson and Buckner, McCluskie

SENATE SPONSORSHIP

Pettersen and Story,

House Committees

Education
Appropriations

Senate Committees

A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING THE CREATION OF THE "HELPING OTHERS MANAGE**
102 **EARLY (HOME) CHILDHOOD ACT" TO PROMOTE BEST**
103 **PRACTICES IN EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION WITH THE**
104 **PURPOSE OF INCREASING THE AVAILABILITY OF QUALITY EARLY**
105 **CHILDHOOD EDUCATION BY PERSONS KNOWLEDGEABLE OF THE**
106 **LICENSING PARAMETERS FOR THE EARLY CHILDHOOD**
107 **EDUCATION INDUSTRY.**

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/>.)

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.

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(1) "DEPARTMENT" MEANS THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES.

(2) "EARLY CHILDHOOD COUNCIL" MEANS AN EARLY CHILDHOOD COUNCIL IDENTIFIED OR ESTABLISHED LOCALLY IN COMMUNITIES THROUGHOUT THE STATE PURSUANT TO SECTION 26-6.5-103 OR 26-6.5-106.

(3) "HOME ACT" MEANS THE "HELPING OTHERS MANAGE EARLY (HOME) CHILDHOOD ACT" ESTABLISHED IN THIS PART 4.

26-6.5-403. Public awareness activities - timeline. (1) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ENGAGE IN A GRASSROOTS EFFORT TO RAISE AWARENESS AND IMPLEMENT ACTIVITIES IN EACH COUNTY THAT SERVE AS A RESOURCE FOR ALL FAMILIES WITH PRESCHOOL-AGED CHILDREN AND THE EARLY CHILDHOOD CAREGIVERS IN THE STATE TO ENSURE THAT CURRENT AND PROSPECTIVE EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION PROVIDERS ARE AWARE OF:

- (a) WHAT IS EXPECTED FROM EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION;
- (b) WHAT A CHILD IS EXPECTED TO KNOW BY THE TIME THE CHILD REACHES KINDERGARTEN; AND
- (c) WHAT RESOURCES ARE AVAILABLE IN THE STATE RELATED TO EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION.

(2) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL WORK COLLABORATIVELY WITH EARLY CHILDHOOD COUNCILS, FAMILY RESOURCE CENTERS, AS DEFINED IN SECTION 26-18-102, AND OTHER LOCAL PARTNERS AS NECESSARY AND APPROPRIATE TO IMPLEMENT THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION.

26-6.5-404. Workshops - skills and licensure requirements -

1 **child care availability.** (1) THE DEPARTMENT, IN COLLABORATION WITH
2 THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND EARLY CHILDHOOD COUNCILS,
3 SHALL DEVELOP A SERIES OF MULTICOUNTY WORKSHOPS FOR CURRENT
4 AND PROSPECTIVE EARLY CHILDHOOD PROVIDERS. THE PURPOSE OF THE
5 WORKSHOPS IS TO PROVIDE EARLY CHILDHOOD PROVIDERS WITH:

6 (a) ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON THE NECESSARY SKILLS TO
7 ADEQUATELY PERFORM THEIR JOBS; AND

8 (b) INFORMATION CONCERNING CAREER PATHWAYS, AS WELL AS
9 LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS AND PROCEDURES, FOR EARLY CHILDHOOD
10 PROVIDERS.

11 (2) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL HOST THE MULTICOUNTY WORKSHOPS
12 THROUGHOUT THE 2021-22 ACADEMIC YEAR.

13 (3) AS RESOURCES ALLOW, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL PROVIDE
14 ADEQUATE CHILD CARE FOR WORKSHOP ATTENDEES TO ALLOW FOR
15 MAXIMUM ATTENDANCE.

16 **26-6.5-405. Regional workshops - creating a licensed early**
17 **child care program - quality - child care availability.** (1) THE
18 DEPARTMENT, IN COLLABORATION WITH EARLY CHILDHOOD COUNCILS,
19 SHALL DEVELOP A SERIES OF REGIONAL WORKSHOPS THAT INFORM
20 PARTICIPANTS CONCERNING:

21 (a) HOW TO START AN EARLY CHILD CARE PROGRAM LICENSED
22 PURSUANT TO PART 1 OF ARTICLE 6 OF THIS TITLE 26;

23 (b) THE ELEMENTS OF THE COLORADO SHINES QUALITY RATING
24 AND IMPROVEMENT SYSTEM, AS DESCRIBED IN SECTION 26-6.5-106, AND
25 WAYS TO IMPROVE QUALITY; AND

26 (c) LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS AND PROCEDURES FOR CHILD CARE
27 PROGRAMS LICENSED PURSUANT TO PART 1 OF ARTICLE 6 OF THIS TITLE 26.

1 (2) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL HOST THE REGIONAL WORKSHOPS
2 FROM MAY THROUGH AUGUST OF 2022.

3 (3) AS RESOURCES ALLOW, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL PROVIDE
4 ADEQUATE CHILD CARE FOR WORKSHOP ATTENDEES TO ALLOW FOR
5 MAXIMUM ATTENDANCE.

6 **26-6.5-406. Repeal of part.** THIS PART 4 IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE
7 SEPTEMBER 1, 2023. BEFORE THE REPEAL, THIS PART 4 IS SCHEDULED FOR
8 REVIEW IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 24-34-104.

9 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-34-104, **add**
10 (24)(a)(XIII) as follows:

11 **24-34-104. General assembly review of regulatory agencies**
12 **and functions for repeal, continuation, or reestablishment - legislative**
13 **declaration - repeal.** (24) (a) The following agencies, functions, or both,
14 are scheduled for repeal on September 1, 2023:

15 (XIII) THE "HELPING OTHERS MANAGE EARLY (HOME)
16 CHILDHOOD ACT" CREATED IN PART 4 OF ARTICLE 6.5 OF TITLE 26.

17 **SECTION 3. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,
18 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate
19 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety.