

**First Regular Session  
Seventy-third General Assembly  
STATE OF COLORADO**

**PREAMENDED**

*This Unofficial Version Includes Committee  
Amendments Not Yet Adopted on Second Reading*

LLS NO. 21-0859.01 Shelby Ross x4510

**SENATE BILL 21-217**

---

**SENATE SPONSORSHIP**

**Hansen and Rankin**, Moreno

**HOUSE SPONSORSHIP**

**Herod and McCluskie**, Ransom

---

**Senate Committees**  
Appropriations

**House Committees**

---

**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

101      **CONCERNING ADJUSTING THE CONTRACT FOR A MARKET RATE STUDY**  
102              **OF PROVIDER RATES FOR THE COLORADO CHILD CARE**  
103              **ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FROM ANNUALLY TO EVERY THREE**  
104              **YEARS, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, REDUCING AN**  
105              **APPROPRIATION.**

---

**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/>.)*

**Joint Budget Committee.** Current law requires the department of human services to contract annually for a market rate study of provider

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.

rates for the Colorado child care assistance program. The bill adjusts the contractual and reporting requirement to every 3 years.

---

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

2           **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 26-2-803, **amend** (1)  
3 as follows:

4           **26-2-803. Provider rates - rules.** (1) The state department, in  
5 consultation with the counties, shall contract ~~annually~~ EVERY THREE  
6 YEARS for a market rate study of provider rates that account for quality of  
7 care, age group, and type of care for each county as recommended by the  
8 early childhood leadership commission created in section 26-6.2-103.  
9 Notwithstanding the provisions of section 24-1-136 (11)(a)(I), copies of  
10 the study must be provided to the joint budget committee on or before  
11 ~~January 2, 2019~~ JANUARY 2, 2024, and on or before ~~each~~ January 2 EVERY  
12 THREE YEARS thereafter.

13           **SECTION 2. Appropriation - adjustments to 2021 long bill.** To  
14 implement this act, the general fund appropriation made in the annual  
15 general appropriation act for the 2021-22 state fiscal year to the  
16 department of human services for use by the office of early childhood for  
17 the child care assistance program rate setting study is decreased by  
18 \$55,000.

19           **SECTION 3. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act  
20 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the  
21 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly; except  
22 that, if a referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V  
23 of the state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this  
24 act within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take  
25 effect unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in

- 1 November 2022 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the
- 2 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.