

CHAPTER 90

**HUMAN SERVICES - SOCIAL SERVICES**

SENATE BILL 21-217

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**AN ACT**

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

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

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

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

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

**SECTION 3. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly; except that, if a referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act within such period, then the act, item, section, or

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part will not take effect unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in November 2022 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.

Approved: May 4, 2021