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STATE OF COLORADO

**ENGROSSED**

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on Second Reading in the House of Introduction*

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**SENATE BILL 23-217**

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**Senate Committees**  
Appropriations

**House Committees**

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**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

101 **CONCERNING NO LONGER REQUIRING THE FEE COLLECTED FOR THE**  
102 **BACKGROUND CHECKS FOR CHILD ABUSE OR NEGLECT TO**  
103 **SUPPORT THE COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE APPEALS PROCESS**  
104 **FOR A PERSON WHO IS FOUND RESPONSIBLE IN A CONFIRMED**  
105 **REPORT OF CHILD ABUSE OR NEGLECT.**

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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/>.)*

**Joint Budget Committee.** Current law authorizes the department of human services to establish and collect a fee for background checks for

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child abuse or neglect (background checks). That fee then is required to cover the direct and indirect costs of the background check and the direct and indirect costs of administering the appeals process and release of information for a person who is found to be responsible in a confirmed report of child abuse or neglect (appeals processes). The bill eliminates the requirement that the fee for background checks cover the direct and indirect costs associated with the appeals processes.

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 19-1-307, **amend**  
3 (2.5) as follows:

4 **19-1-307. Dependency and neglect records and information -**  
5 **access - fee - records and reports fund - misuse of information -**  
6 **penalty - adult protective services data system check - rules. (2.5) Fee**  
7 **- records and reports fund - rules.** (a) Any person or agency provided  
8 information from the state department of human services or department  
9 of early childhood pursuant to subsections (2)(i), (2)(k) to (2)(o), (2)(t),  
10 and (2)(y) of this section and any child placement agency must be  
11 assessed a fee that is established and collected by the state department of  
12 human services OR ESTABLISHED AND COLLECTED BY THE DEPARTMENT  
13 OF EARLY CHILDHOOD pursuant to parameters set forth in rule established  
14 by the state board of human services or the department of early childhood  
15 pursuant to parameters set forth in rule established by the executive  
16 director of the department of early childhood, whichever is applicable. At  
17 a minimum, the rules must include a provision requiring the state  
18 department of human services or department of early childhood, as  
19 applicable, to provide notice of the fee to interested persons and the  
20 maximum fee amount that the department shall not exceed without the  
21 express approval of the state board of human services or executive  
22 director of the department of early childhood, as applicable. The fee

1 established must not exceed the direct and indirect costs of administering  
2 subsections (2)(i), (2)(k) to (2)(o), (2)(t), and (2)(y) of this section. ~~and~~  
3 ~~the direct and indirect costs of administering section 19-3-313.5 (3) and~~  
4 ~~(4).~~

5 (b) All fees collected in accordance with subsection (2.5)(a) of  
6 this section must be transmitted to the state treasurer who shall credit the  
7 same to the records and reports fund, which fund is hereby created. The  
8 fund also consists of fees credited to the fund pursuant to section  
9 26-3.1-111. The money in the records and reports fund is subject to  
10 annual appropriation by the general assembly for the direct and indirect  
11 costs of administering subsections (2)(i), (2)(k) to (2)(o), (2)(t), and (2)(y)  
12 of this section ~~for the direct and indirect costs of administering section~~  
13 ~~19-3-313.5 (3) and (4)~~ and for the direct and indirect costs described in  
14 section 26-3.1-111.

15 **SECTION 2. Appropriation - adjustments to 2023 long bill.**

16 (1) To implement this act, general fund appropriations made in the  
17 annual general appropriation act for the 2023-24 state fiscal year to the  
18 department of human services are increased as follows:

19 **(1) Executive Director's Office**

20 **(A) General Administration**

21 Health, Life, and Dental	\$400
22 Short-term Disability	\$3
23 Amortizatin Equalization Disbursement	\$86
24 Supplemental Amortizatin Equalization Disbursement	\$86
25 Salary Survey	\$40
26 PERA Direct Distribution	\$3,603
27 Workers Compensation	\$1,481

1	Legal Services	\$807,323
2	Administrative Law Judge Services	\$203,273
3	Payments to Risk Management and Property Funds	\$253
4	<b>(2) Administration and Finance</b>	
5	<b>(A) Administration</b>	
6	Personal Services	\$32,639
7	<b>(B) Information Technology</b>	
8	Payments to OIT	\$13,617
9	<b>(C) Operations</b>	
10	Capitol Complex Leased Space	\$8,240
11	<b>(D) Special Purpose</b>	
12	Records and Reports of Child Abuse and Neglect	\$270,520
13	(2) To implement this act, cash funds appropriations from the	
14	records and reports cash fund, created in section 19-1-307 (2.5)(b), C.R.S.	
15	made in the annual general appropriation act for the 2023-24 state fiscal	
16	year to the department of human services are decreased as follows:	
17	<b>(1) Executive Director's Office</b>	
18	<b>(A) General Administration</b>	
19	Health, Life, and Dental	\$400
20	Short-term Disability	\$3
21	Amortizatin Equalization Disbursement	\$86
22	Supplemental Amortizatin Equalization Disbursement	\$86
23	Salary Survey	\$40
24	<b>(D) Special Purpose</b>	
25	Records and Reports of Child Abuse and Neglect	\$270,520
26	<b>(7) Office of Adults, Aging, and Disability Services</b>	
27	<b>(E) Indirect Cost Assessment</b>	\$1,070,429

1           (3) To implement this act, reappropriated funds appropriations  
2 from indirect cost recoveries made in the annual general appropriation act  
3 for the 2023-24 state fiscal year to the department of human services are  
4 decreased as follows:

5           **(1) Executive Director's Office**

6           **(A) General Administration**

7           PERA Direct Distribution	\$3,603
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15          **(B) Information Technology**

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17          **(C) Operations**

18          Capitol Complex Leased Space	\$8,240
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19          **SECTION 3. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,  
20 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate  
21 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety.