

House Health & Human Services

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SB25-017 Measures to Support Early Childhood Health

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Evie Hudak For Colorado PTA	<p>Colorado PTA supports SB 17. PTA favors measures to provide funding, services, and resources to help with the physical and mental health of children. We support laws that promote children’s general good health, nutrition, emotional well-being, and safety. PTA believes that health is based on the quality of life of the whole child – emotional, intellectual, physical, and social. All elements must be considered before optimum health can exist.</p> <p>PTA believes that agencies with responsibilities for educational, health, or welfare services must have provisions for adequate funding and structure to ensure appropriate distribution of health resources, especially to underserved areas. We support efforts to provide education and other resources for school staff and professional development, particularly to assist with addressing mental health issues with emphasis on early detection.</p> <p>We believe that the bill’s focus on expanding access to child care health consultants will provide healthier environments for children in early learning settings, stress the importance of positive mental health and emotional climates within the settings, and ensure the physical safety of the students and staff.</p>