

SENATE COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE REPORT

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Chair of Committee

February 26, 2024  
Date

Committee on Judiciary.

After consideration on the merits, the Committee recommends the following:

SB24-119 be amended as follows, and as so amended, be referred to the Committee of the Whole with favorable recommendation:

1 Amend printed bill, page 2, line 15, strike "INCLUDES" and substitute  
2 "INCLUDES, BUT IS NOT LIMITED TO,".

3 Page 3, line 2, strike "INCLUDES" and substitute "INCLUDES, BUT IS NOT  
4 LIMITED TO,".

5 Page 3, after line 3 insert:

6 "SECTION 3. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 19-1-103, **add**  
7 (128.5) as follows:

8 **19-1-103. Definitions.** As used in this title 19 or in the specified  
9 portion of this title 19, unless the context otherwise requires:

10 (128.5) "SPECIAL IMMIGRANT JUVENILE STATUS FINDINGS"  
11 INCLUDES:

12 (a) DECLARING THE CHILD DEPENDENT OR PLACING THE CHILD IN  
13 THE CUSTODY OF AN INDIVIDUAL, AGENCY, OR DEPARTMENT AS APPOINTED  
14 BY THE COURT;

15 (b) DETERMINING THAT REUNIFICATION OF THE CHILD WITH ONE  
16 OR BOTH PARENTS IS NOT VIABLE DUE TO ABUSE, NEGLECT,  
17 ABANDONMENT, OR A SIMILAR BASIS FOUND PURSUANT TO STATE LAW.  
18 FOR PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, "ABANDONMENT" INCLUDES, BUT IS NOT  
19 LIMITED TO, THE DEATH OF ONE OR BOTH PARENTS.

20 (c) DETERMINING THAT IT IS NOT IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE  
21 CHILD TO BE RETURNED TO THE CHILD'S OR PARENTS' PREVIOUS COUNTRY  
22 OF NATIONALITY OR COUNTRY OF LAST HABITUAL RESIDENCE.".

23 Renumber succeeding sections accordingly.

- 1 Page 3, lines 7 and 8, strike "or (1)(g), OR (1)(n)" and substitute "or  
2 (1)(g)".
- 3 Page 3, line 8, strike "findings" and substitute "SPECIAL IMMIGRANT  
4 JUVENILE STATUS findings, AS DEFINED IN SECTION 19-1-103,".
- 5 Page 3, line 9, strike "law," and substitute "law.".
- 6 Page 3, strike lines 10 through 21.
- 7 Page 4, line 16, strike "INCLUDES" and substitute "INCLUDES, BUT IS NOT  
8 LIMITED TO,".
- 9 Page 5, line 11, strike "INCLUDES" and substitute "INCLUDES, BUT IS NOT  
10 LIMITED TO,".

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