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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING THE EARLY CHILDHOOD LEADERSHIP COMMISSION.**

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>.)

The bill amends the statutes relating to the early childhood leadership commission (commission) in the department of human services (department) as follows:

- ! Makes changes to the legislative declaration, mission, and duties of the commission to include consideration of families of pregnant women and children;
- ! Increases membership from 20 members to 25 members. Among other members described in the bill, the new

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.
Capital letters indicate new material to be added to existing statute.
Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.

members may include representatives of programs providing early childhood services and supports for military families.

- ! Changes the title of the person appointed to assist the department in fulfilling the duties of the commission from "executive director" to "director";
- ! Removes the requirement that the director be compensated from money credited to the early childhood leadership commission fund;
- ! Permits the commission to seek, accept, and expend gifts, grants, and donations for the expenses of the commission;
- ! Allows general fund appropriations for the commission; and
- ! Extends the repeal date and sunset review of the commission prior to its repeal from 2018 to 2023.

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 26-6.2-101, **amend**
3 (1)(a), (1)(c), (2)(a), (2)(b) introductory portion, and (3) as follows:

4 **26-6.2-101. Legislative declaration.** (1) The general assembly
5 hereby finds that:

6 (a) Public investments for pregnant women and young children
7 from birth to eight years of age AND THEIR FAMILIES fall behind
8 investments for older Colorado children and lag behind national trends;

9 (c) While there are several planning efforts related to early
10 childhood services and collaborative bodies within state and local
11 governments, there is no single venue to allow high-level
12 decision-making among policy makers, to collectively study
13 recommendations, TO FACILITATE CROSS-AGENCY COLLABORATION
14 AMONG STATE AGENCIES, and to make joint policy and funding
15 recommendations.

16 (2) The general assembly further finds that:

17 (a) A commission to assist in coordinating services and supports

1 for pregnant women and young children from birth to eight years of age
2 AND THEIR FAMILIES will improve the delivery of those services and
3 improve the educational, health, emotional and mental health, child
4 welfare, and employment outcomes for these children and their families;
5 and

6 (b) A commission to assist in coordinating the delivery of services
7 and supports for pregnant women and young children AND THEIR
8 FAMILIES will also significantly improve Colorado's workforce and
9 economic development by:

10 (3) The general assembly finds, therefore, that it is essential to
11 create a high-level, interagency, public-private leadership commission to
12 identify opportunities for, and address barriers to, the coordination of
13 federal and state early childhood policies and procedures IN ORDER TO
14 PROMOTE ACCESS TO PROGRAMS AND SERVICES that affect the health and
15 well-being of Colorado's children.

16 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 26-6.2-103, **amend**
17 (1), (3)(b)(II), (5), and (6) as follows:

18 **26-6.2-103. Early childhood leadership commission - created**
19 **- mission - funding.** (1) There is created in the state department the early
20 childhood leadership commission. The purpose of the commission is to
21 ensure and advance a comprehensive service delivery system for pregnant
22 women and children from birth to eight years of age using data to
23 improve decision-making, alignment, and coordination among federally
24 funded and state-funded services and programs for pregnant women and
25 young children and their families. At a minimum, the comprehensive
26 service delivery system for pregnant women and children AND THEIR
27 FAMILIES must include services in the areas of prenatal health, child

1 health, child mental health, early ~~learning~~ CARE AND EDUCATION, and
2 family support and parent education.

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4 (3) (b) The persons appointed to the commission pursuant to
5 ~~paragraph (d) of subsection (2)~~ SUBSECTION (2)(d) of this section shall:

6 (II) Serve without compensation but may receive reimbursement
7 for reasonable expenses incurred in fulfilling their duties on the
8 commission, subject to the availability of ~~moneys pursuant to section~~
9 ~~26-6.2-105~~ FEDERAL MONEY OR GIFTS, GRANTS, OR DONATIONS.

10 (5) The commission, in collaboration with the executive director
11 of the state department, may appoint ~~an executive~~ A director to assist the
12 commission in fulfilling its duties pursuant to this ~~article~~ ARTICLE 6.2.
13 The ~~executive~~ director may appoint such additional persons as may be
14 necessary to assist the commission. The ~~executive~~ director and any other
15 persons appointed pursuant to this subsection (5) shall be compensated
16 ~~from moneys credited to the early childhood leadership commission fund~~
17 ~~created in section 26-6.2-105~~ WITH FEDERAL FUNDS OR GIFTS, GRANTS,
18 AND DONATIONS, AND NOT WITH GENERAL FUND.

19 (6) The governor's office, the state department, and the other
20 agencies represented on the commission may, at the request of the
21 commission and within existing appropriations, provide necessary support
22 to the commission, including but not limited to administrative support,
23 data, and other analytical information. In addition, the commission may
24 ~~accept in-kind contributions~~ SEEK, ACCEPT, AND EXPEND GIFTS, GRANTS,
25 OR DONATIONS from public ~~and~~ OR private ~~entities~~ SOURCES to the extent
26 necessary to cover the expenses of the commission. ~~GENERAL FUND~~
27 ~~SHALL NOT BE APPROPRIATED FOR THE COMMISSION OR FOR~~

1 ADMINISTRATIVE OR OTHER EXPENSES OF THE COMMISSION.

2 **SECTION 3.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 26-6.2-104, **amend**
3 (1) and (2)(b) as follows:

4 **26-6.2-104. Early childhood leadership commission - duties.**

5 (1) In addition to any other duties specified in law, the commission has
6 the following duties:

7 (a) To identify opportunities for, and barriers to, the alignment of
8 standards, rules, policies, and procedures across programs and agencies
9 that support young children and to recommend to the appropriate
10 committees of reference of the general assembly pursuant to part 2 of
11 article 7 of title 2 ~~C.R.S.~~, and to government and nonprofit agencies and
12 policy boards changes to enhance the alignment and provision of services
13 and supports for ~~young children~~ PREGNANT WOMEN AND YOUNG
14 CHILDREN AND THEIR FAMILIES;

15 (b) To advise and make recommendations to the state department
16 and to other relevant early childhood entities concerning implementation
17 of the early childhood Colorado framework;

18 (c) To assist public and private agencies in coordinating efforts on
19 behalf of pregnant women and children AND THEIR FAMILIES, including
20 securing funding and additional investments for services, ~~and~~ programs,
21 AND ACCESS TO THESE SERVICES AND PROGRAMS for children and their
22 families;

23 (d) To consider and recommend waivers from state regulations on
24 behalf of early childhood councils as provided in section 26-6.5-104 (1);

25 (e) To monitor the ongoing development, promotion, and
26 implementation of:

27 (I) A quality, cohesive professional development and career

1 advancement system;
2 (II) High-quality, comprehensive early learning standards; and
3 (III) The sharing and use of common data for planning and
4 accountability among early childhood programs;
5 (f) To develop strategies and monitor efforts concerning:
6 (I) Increasing children's school readiness;
7 ~~(g) (II) To develop strategies and monitor efforts concerning~~
8 Increasing participation in and access to child care and early education
9 programs; and
10 ~~(h) (III) To develop strategies and monitor efforts concerning~~
11 Promoting family and community engagement in children's EARLY
12 education and development.

13 (2) In fulfilling its duties, the commission shall collaborate, at a
14 minimum, with:
15 (b) Any other boards, commissions, and councils ~~existing within~~
16 ~~the executive branch agencies~~ that address services and supports for
17 PREGNANT WOMEN AND young children.

18 **SECTION 4.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **repeal** 26-6.2-105.

19 **SECTION 5.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **amend** 26-6.2-106
20 as follows:

21 **26-6.2-106. Repeal of article.** This ~~article~~ ARTICLE 6.2 is
22 repealed, effective ~~September 1, 2018.~~ ~~Prior to~~ SEPTEMBER 1, 2023.
23 BEFORE its repeal, the commission is subject to review ~~as provided in~~
24 ACCORDANCE WITH section 2-3-1203. ~~C.R.S.~~

25 **SECTION 6.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 2-3-1203, **repeal**
26 (6)(a)(IV); and **add** (14)(a)(V) as follows:
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1 **2-3-1203. Sunset review of advisory committees - legislative**
2 **declaration - definition - repeal.** (6) (a) The following statutory
3 authorizations for the designated advisory committees will repeal on July
4 1, 2018:

5 (IV) ~~The early childhood leadership commission created in section~~
6 ~~26-6.2-103, C.R.S.;~~

7 (14) (a) The following statutory authorizations for the designated
8 advisory committees ~~will~~ ARE SCHEDULED FOR repeal on September 1,
9 2023:

10 (V) ~~THE EARLY CHILDHOOD LEADERSHIP COMMISSION CREATED IN~~
11 ~~SECTION 26-6.2-103.~~

12 **SECTION 7. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act
13 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the
14 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly (August
15 9, 2017, if adjournment sine die is on May 10, 2017); except that, if a
16 referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the
17 state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act
18 within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take effect
19 unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in
20 November 2018 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the
21 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.