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**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

101     **CONCERNING REDUCING THE COMPETENCY WAIT LIST, AND, IN**  
102             **CONNECTION THEREWITH, CREATING A WRAPAROUND CARE**  
103             **PROGRAM AND MAKING AND REDUCING AN APPROPRIATION.**

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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>.)*

The bill creates the bridges wraparound care program (wraparound program) in the office of bridges of Colorado (bridges of Colorado) to increase the success of eligible individuals referred from the criminal justice system by connecting the individuals to necessary wraparound care coordination services, resulting in case dismissal, continuity of care, and

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increased social stability.

The bill requires each judicial district to develop a process to identify and refer eligible individuals to the wraparound program as a community-based alternative to competency proceedings. The chief judge of each judicial district is required to enter into a memorandum of understanding with multiple stakeholders within the judicial district to develop and implement a referral process to refer individuals to the wraparound program.

The bill requires the office of the state court administrator to ensure a court coordinator assists with identifying eligible individuals, collaborates with the stakeholders and entities to develop the memorandum of understanding, manages data gathering and reporting requirements, and provides ongoing support to each judicial district in developing and implementing the referral process.

If an eligible defendant is referred to the wraparound program and the defendant consents to participate in the wraparound program, the bill requires the court to issue an order appointing a bridges wraparound care coordinator (care coordinator). The wraparound program is required to accept an eligible defendant the court refers to the wraparound program unless the care coordinator determines during the initial intake process that the wraparound program is not appropriate for the defendant due to clinical or other reasons. If the care coordinator determines the wraparound program is not appropriate for the defendant, bridges of Colorado is required to immediately notify the court and outline other interventions.

An individual who is accepted to participate in the wraparound program is required to enter into a written agreement with bridges of Colorado detailing the individual's participation in the wraparound program and the program expectations, cooperate with the care coordinator in developing the components of the participant's individualized wraparound care plan, and engage with the care coordinator and the services outlined in the individualized wraparound care plan.

The bill requires the care coordinator to conduct a screening and assessment of the participant. As part of the screening and assessment, the care coordinator is required to create an individualized wraparound care plan for the participant that is designed to reduce barriers and facilitate access to wraparound care resources.

The bill requires the court to set a review hearing within 182 days after the court issues the order appointing a care coordinator. At the review hearing, the court is required to dismiss the charges against the defendant unless the court finds that the defendant has not satisfactorily complied with the individualized wraparound care plan, at which point the district attorney may file a notice of termination with the court. If the defendant has not satisfactorily complied with the individualized



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(d) COLORADO HAS AN OBLIGATION TO ENSURE THAT INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE FOUND INCOMPETENT TO PROCEED DO NOT LANGUISH IN JAIL ON A WAIT LIST FOR COMPETENCY SERVICES AND TO HONOR THE INDIVIDUALS' CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHT TO TIMELY ACCESS TO RESTORATION SERVICES;

(e) DESPITE THE PROTRACTED LITIGATION AND LEGISLATIVE EFFORTS, COLORADO HAS BEEN UNABLE TO ELIMINATE THE MULTITUDE OF PROBLEMS IN THE ADULT COMPETENCY SYSTEM, INCLUDING THE WAIT LIST, WHICH HAS INCREASED OVER ONE HUNDRED PERCENT IN RECENT YEARS; AND

(f) COLORADO CANNOT ELIMINATE THE WAIT LIST BY ONLY INCREASING THE NUMBER OF INPATIENT BEDS; INSTEAD, COLORADO MUST SEEK TO REDUCE THE NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS PLACED ON THE WAIT LIST FOR COMPETENCY SERVICES THROUGH:

(I) COMMUNITY SUPPORT;

(II) CONNECTING INDIVIDUALS TO A RANGE OF COMMUNITY SERVICES THAT PROVIDE SOCIAL STABILITY FOR INDIVIDUALS WHO CYCLE IN AND OUT OF THE COMPETENCY SYSTEM; AND

(III) ELIMINATING COMPETENCY SERVICES AND PROSECUTION OF VERY LOW-LEVEL OFFENSES, WHICH WILL REDUCE THE USE OF EXPENSIVE INPATIENT BEDS.

(2) THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FURTHER FINDS AND DECLARES THAT:

(a) RATHER THAN FOCUSING ON COMPETENCY SERVICES TO ALLOW FOR PROSECUTION, COLORADO SHOULD FOCUS ON AN INDIVIDUAL'S MENTAL WELLNESS AND SOCIAL STABILITY, WHICH WILL ENHANCE PUBLIC SAFETY, SYSTEM FAIRNESS, AND PRODUCE BETTER OUTCOMES, ALONG WITH REDUCING THE INPATIENT COMPETENCY RESTORATION WAIT LIST;

1 AND

2 (b) SIGNIFICANT RESEARCH AND NATIONAL BEST PRACTICES  
3 SUPPORT THE CONCEPT OF ELIMINATING RESTORATION SERVICES FOR VERY  
4 LOW-LEVEL OFFENSES AND DIVERTING INDIVIDUALS FROM THE CRIMINAL  
5 JUSTICE SYSTEM WHO ARE CHARGED WITH VERY LOW-LEVEL OFFENSES  
6 AND WHO DO NOT PRESENT A PUBLIC SAFETY RISK. THE RESEARCH AND  
7 NATIONAL BEST PRACTICES DEMONSTRATE THAT WELL-DESIGNED  
8 COMMUNITY PROGRAMS THAT FOCUS ON MENTAL WELLNESS AND SOCIAL  
9 STABILITY CAN REDUCE RECIDIVISM AND MOVE INDIVIDUALS SUFFERING  
10 FROM MENTAL ILLNESS OR OTHER MENTAL DISABILITIES INTO A MORE  
11 STABLE AND PRODUCTIVE LIFESTYLE.

12 (3) THEREFORE, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY DECLARES THAT IT IS  
13 CRITICAL FOR THE STATE, IN CONJUNCTION WITH BRIDGES OF COLORADO,  
14 TO REQUIRE EACH JUDICIAL DISTRICT TO DEVELOP A PROCESS TO IDENTIFY  
15 AND REFER INDIVIDUALS TO A WRAPAROUND CARE PROGRAM AS A  
16 COMMUNITY-BASED ALTERNATIVE TO COMPETENCY PROCEEDINGS IN  
17 ORDER TO LIMIT THE NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS ON THE COMPETENCY WAIT  
18 LIST AND TO IMPROVE OUTCOMES AND COMMUNITY SAFETY THROUGH  
19 CLINICAL CARE AND SOCIAL STABILITY SERVICES.

20 **16-8.6-102. Definitions.** AS USED IN THIS ARTICLE 8.6, UNLESS  
21 THE CONTEXT OTHERWISE REQUIRES:

22 (1) "BRIDGES OF COLORADO" OR "BRIDGES" MEANS THE OFFICE OF  
23 BRIDGES OF COLORADO ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO SECTION 13-95-103.

24 (2) "BRIDGES WRAPAROUND CARE PROGRAM" MEANS THE BRIDGES  
25 WRAPAROUND CARE PROGRAM CREATED IN SECTION 16-8.6-103.

26 (3) "ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUAL" OR "ELIGIBLE DEFENDANT" MEANS AN  
27 INDIVIDUAL WHO THE JUDICIAL DISTRICT IDENTIFIES AS ELIGIBLE FOR

1 REFERRAL TO THE BRIDGES WRAPAROUND CARE PROGRAM PURSUANT TO  
2 SECTION 16-8.6-108.

3 **16-8.6-103. Bridges wraparound care program - established.**

4 (1) THERE IS CREATED IN THE OFFICE OF BRIDGES OF COLORADO,  
5 CREATED IN SECTION 13-95-103, THE BRIDGES WRAPAROUND CARE  
6 PROGRAM TO INCREASE THE SUCCESS OF ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUALS REFERRED  
7 FROM THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM BY CONNECTING THE ELIGIBLE  
8 INDIVIDUALS TO NECESSARY WRAPAROUND CARE COORDINATION  
9 SERVICES, RESULTING IN CASE DISMISSAL, CONTINUITY OF CARE, AND  
10 INCREASED SOCIAL STABILITY.

11 (2) THE PURPOSE OF THE BRIDGES WRAPAROUND CARE PROGRAM  
12 IS TO:

13 (a) SERVE ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE IDENTIFIED AND  
14 REFERRED BY JUDICIAL DISTRICTS IN LIEU OF CRIMINAL PROSECUTION,  
15 WHO ARE ABLE TO REMAIN IN THE COMMUNITY AND WHO ARE FOUND  
16 INCOMPETENT TO PROCEED OR WHO ARE LIKELY TO BE FOUND  
17 INCOMPETENT TO PROCEED;

18 (b) SERVE ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUALS WHOSE CASES HAVE BEEN  
19 DISMISSED PURSUANT TO SECTION 16-8.5-111 (1.6) BUT WHO ARE  
20 VOLUNTARILY WILLING TO PARTICIPATE IN THE BRIDGES WRAPAROUND  
21 CARE PROGRAM;

22 (c) INCREASE THE MENTAL WELLNESS AND SOCIAL STABILITY OF  
23 INDIVIDUALS PARTICIPATING IN THE BRIDGES WRAPAROUND CARE  
24 PROGRAM;

25 (d) DECREASE THE NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS ON THE WAIT LIST FOR  
26 COMPETENCY RESTORATION SERVICES;

27 (e) DECREASE THE NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS UNDERGOING

1 COMPETENCY EVALUATIONS; AND

2 (f) DECREASE THE RATE OF REOFFENSE FOR ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUALS  
3 CHARGED WITH LOW-LEVEL OFFENSES WHO ARE ACCEPTED TO  
4 PARTICIPATE IN THE BRIDGES WRAPAROUND CARE PROGRAM.

5 **16-8.6-104. Memorandum of understanding.** (1)(a) THE CHIEF  
6 JUDGE OF EACH JUDICIAL DISTRICT SHALL ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF  
7 UNDERSTANDING WITH THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE, THE PUBLIC  
8 DEFENDER'S OFFICE, BRIDGES OF COLORADO, THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN  
9 SERVICES, THE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ADMINISTRATION IN THE  
10 DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES, COMMUNITY-BASED TREATMENT  
11 PROVIDERS, AND LOCAL BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CASE MANAGEMENT  
12 PROGRAMS WITHIN THE JUDICIAL DISTRICT TO DEVELOP AND  
13 IMPLEMENT A REFERRAL PROCESS TO DEFLECT INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE  
14 LIKELY TO BE FOUND INCOMPETENT TO PROCEED FROM COMPETENCY  
15 PROCEEDINGS AND THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM. THE MEMORANDUM OF  
16 UNDERSTANDING MUST ENSURE THE PARTIES DEVELOP AN  
17 OPERATIONAL VISION FOR THE REFERRAL PROCESS AND HOW THE  
18 REFERRAL PROCESS WILL BEST OPERATE WITHIN THE JUDICIAL DISTRICT.  
19 ADDITIONAL INDIVIDUALS OR ENTITIES MAY BE INCLUDED IN THE  
20 DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE MEMORANDUM OF  
21 UNDERSTANDING WITH THE AGREEMENT OF THE PARTIES TO THE  
22 MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING DESCRIBED IN THIS SUBSECTION  
23 (1)(a).

24 (b) THE OFFICE OF THE STATE COURT ADMINISTRATOR SHALL  
25 COORDINATE THE CREATION OF THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING  
26 FOR EACH JUDICIAL DISTRICT AND ANY REVISIONS, AS NEEDED.

27 (c) THE PARTIES TO THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING SHALL

1 COLLABORATE WITH COMMUNITY GROUPS ADVOCATING FOR INDIVIDUALS  
2 WITH MENTAL HEALTH DISORDERS IN THE DEVELOPMENT AND OPERATION  
3 OF THE REFERRAL PROCESS, WHENEVER POSSIBLE.

4 (2) AT A MINIMUM, THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING MUST:

5 (a) DESCRIBE THE OPERATIONAL VISION OF THE REFERRAL  
6 PROCESS;

7 (b) ENSURE THE DEDICATION OF RESOURCES FOR INDIVIDUALS  
8 REFERRED TO THE BRIDGES WRAPAROUND CARE PROGRAM;

9 (c) DEFINE THE PROCESS OF REFERRAL TO THE BRIDGES  
10 WRAPAROUND CARE PROGRAM;

11 (d) DEFINE PROCEDURES THAT BEST ENSURE THE EFFICIENCY AND  
12 FAIRNESS OF THE REFERRAL PROCESS IN THE JUDICIAL DISTRICT;

13 (e) REQUIRE SERVICE PROVIDERS WHO ARE A PARTY TO THE  
14 MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING AND WHO PROVIDE THE SERVICES  
15 DESCRIBED IN SECTION 16-8.6-109 (4) TO PARTICIPATE IN THE BRIDGES  
16 WRAPAROUND CARE PROCESS, REGULARLY MEET AND COMMUNICATE WITH  
17 THE BRIDGES WRAPAROUND CARE COORDINATOR, AND PROVIDE SERVICES,  
18 AS NECESSARY, TO SUPPORT EACH INDIVIDUAL PARTICIPATING IN THE  
19 BRIDGES WRAPAROUND CARE PROGRAM;

20 (f) DEFINE THE PROCESS AND TIMELINE FOR BRIDGES OF  
21 COLORADO TO REPORT TO THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY AND THE COURT  
22 REGARDING AN INDIVIDUAL'S NONCOMPLIANCE WITH THE BRIDGES  
23 WRAPAROUND CARE PROGRAM; AND

24 (g) ADDRESS COMPLIANCE WITH THE DATA-GATHERING  
25 REQUIREMENTS PURSUANT TO SECTION 16-8.6-105 (2).

26 **16-8.6-105. Office of the state court administrator - court**  
27 **coordinator - data gathering.** (1) THE OFFICE OF THE STATE COURT



1 ADMINISTRATOR SHALL ENSURE A COURT COORDINATOR:

2 (a) ASSISTS WITH IDENTIFYING ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUALS;

3 (b) COLLABORATES WITH THE ENTITIES DESCRIBED IN SECTION  
4 16-8.6-104 (1)(a) TO DEVELOP THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING;

5 (c) MANAGES AND COLLECTS DATA AND MANAGES REPORTING  
6 REQUIREMENTS PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (2) OF THIS SECTION IN  
7 COORDINATION WITH BRIDGES OF COLORADO AND THE ENTITIES  
8 DESCRIBED IN SECTION 16-8.6-104 (1)(a); AND

9 (d) PROVIDES ONGOING SUPPORT TO EACH JUDICIAL DISTRICT IN  
10 DEVELOPING AND IMPLEMENTING THE REFERRAL PROCESS DESCRIBED IN  
11 SECTION 16-8.6-107.

12 (2) THE STATE COURT ADMINISTRATOR SHALL COLLABORATE WITH  
13 THE ENTITIES DESCRIBED IN SECTION 16-8.6-104 (1)(a), INCLUDING  
14 BRIDGES OF COLORADO, TO COLLECT THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION FOR  
15 EACH ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUAL WHO IS IDENTIFIED AND REFERRED TO THE  
16 BRIDGES WRAPAROUND CARE PROGRAM:

17 (a) THE INDIVIDUAL'S NAME; AGE; RACE; IDENTIFIED GENDER;  
18 CHARGES, AS IDENTIFIED BY THE CHARGE CODE; AND CASE NUMBER;

19 (b) THE LEGAL BASIS FOR THE REFERRAL;

20 (c) WHETHER THE INDIVIDUAL HAS PREVIOUSLY BEEN HELD FOR  
21 AN EMERGENCY COMMITMENT PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 65 OF TITLE 27;

22 (d) WHETHER THE INDIVIDUAL SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED THE  
23 BRIDGES WRAPAROUND CARE PROGRAM AND ANY IDENTIFIED RESOURCES  
24 AND CONNECTIONS PROVIDED TO THE INDIVIDUAL;

25 (e) WHETHER THE INDIVIDUAL WAS UNABLE TO SUCCESSFULLY  
26 COMPLETE THE BRIDGES WRAPAROUND CARE PROGRAM AND THE REASONS  
27 FOR THE LACK OF SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION;

1 (f) WHETHER RESOURCES WERE AVAILABLE TO MEET THE  
2 INDIVIDUAL'S MENTAL WELLNESS AND SOCIAL STABILITY NEEDS,  
3 IDENTIFYING WHAT RESOURCES WERE NOT AVAILABLE AND THE REASON  
4 FOR THE LACK OF RESOURCES;

5 (g) THE AMOUNT OF MONEY DEDICATED TO SERVING THE  
6 INDIVIDUAL DURING THE INDIVIDUAL'S PARTICIPATION IN THE BRIDGES  
7 WRAPAROUND CARE PROGRAM AND WHETHER ANY SERVICES WERE  
8 REIMBURSED BY MEDICAID OR OTHER STATE OR FEDERALLY FUNDED  
9 PROGRAMS;

10 (h) THE NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE  
11 BRIDGES WRAPAROUND CARE PROGRAM WHO OTHERWISE WOULD HAVE  
12 BEEN ORDERED TO COMPETENCY SERVICES AND THE NUMBER OF  
13 INDIVIDUALS WHO LIKELY WOULD HAVE BEEN ON THE INPATIENT  
14 COMPETENCY WAIT LIST OR OCCUPIED AN INPATIENT RESTORATION BED;

15 (i) THE NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE  
16 BRIDGES WRAPAROUND CARE PROGRAM WHO WERE CHARGED WITH A  
17 CRIME, NOT INCLUDING A CIVIL OFFENSE OR TRAFFIC OFFENSE, THAT  
18 OCCURRED WHILE PARTICIPATING IN THE PROGRAM OR WITHIN ONE YEAR  
19 AFTER SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETING THE PROGRAM; AND

20 (j) THE NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS WHO WERE IDENTIFIED AND  
21 REFERRED TO THE BRIDGES WRAPAROUND CARE PROGRAM BUT WERE NOT  
22 ACCEPTED FOR PARTICIPATION AND THE REASONS FOR THE  
23 NON-ACCEPTANCE.

24 **16-8.6-106. Bridges wraparound care coordinator - duties and**  
25 **responsibilities.** (1) THE BRIDGES WRAPAROUND CARE COORDINATOR  
26 APPOINTED PURSUANT TO SECTION 16-8.6-108 (4) HAS THE FOLLOWING  
27 DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

1 (a) FOLLOW THE POLICIES, PROCEDURES, BEST PRACTICES, AND  
2 GUIDANCE OF THE BRIDGES WRAPAROUND CARE PROGRAM, AS  
3 ESTABLISHED BY THE OFFICE OF BRIDGES OF COLORADO, CREATED IN  
4 SECTION 13-95-103, AND THE BRIDGES OF COLORADO COMMISSION,  
5 CREATED IN SECTION 13-95-104;

6 (b) CONDUCT AN INITIAL INTAKE OF AN ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUAL  
7 PURSUANT TO SECTION 16-8.6-108;

8 (c) SCREEN AND ASSESS, OR ARRANGE FOR THE SCREENING AND  
9 ASSESSMENT OF, A PROGRAM PARTICIPANT AND DEVELOP AN  
10 INDIVIDUALIZED WRAPAROUND CARE PLAN PURSUANT TO SECTION  
11 16-8.6-109;

12 (d) DETERMINE WITH THE PROGRAM PARTICIPANT THE  
13 APPROPRIATE WRAPAROUND CARE REFERRAL AND SERVICE OPTIONS TO  
14 SUPPORT THE INDIVIDUALIZED WRAPAROUND CARE PLAN CREATED  
15 PURSUANT TO SECTION 16-8.6-109 (4);

16 (e) COORDINATE SERVICES WITH SERVICES PROVIDERS, INCLUDING  
17 SERVICES PROVIDERS WHO ARE A PARTY TO THE MEMORANDUM OF  
18 UNDERSTANDING, AND AGENCIES IDENTIFIED IN THE INDIVIDUALIZED  
19 WRAPAROUND CARE PLAN, INCLUDING FACILITATING COLLABORATIVE  
20 EFFORTS TO IDENTIFY AND ADDRESS SYSTEMIC AND PROVIDER-RELATED  
21 BARRIERS TO CARE;

22 (f) PROACTIVELY SEEK TO MAINTAIN FREQUENT AND REGULAR  
23 CONTACT WITH PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS; DIRECTLY ASSIST IN CONNECTING  
24 PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS TO NECESSARY SERVICES AND RESOURCES, COURT  
25 APPEARANCES, AND OTHER APPOINTMENTS; AND MAKE THOROUGH  
26 EFFORTS TO KNOW WHERE PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS ARE RESIDING, WHERE  
27 PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS CAN BE REGULARLY FOUND, AND ALL KNOWN

1 CONTACT INFORMATION FOR PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS;

2 (g) MONITOR PROGRAM PARTICIPANT ENGAGEMENT WITH THE  
3 INDIVIDUALIZED WRAPAROUND CARE PLAN AND PROVIDE SUPPORT TO  
4 ENABLE THE PROGRAM PARTICIPANT TO ENGAGE FULLY, AND ALLOW FOR  
5 VARIANCES IN THE INDIVIDUALIZED WRAPAROUND CARE PLAN TO  
6 CONTINUE TO BEST MEET THE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND SOCIAL  
7 DETERMINANTS OF HEALTH NEEDS OF THE PROGRAM PARTICIPANT;

8 (h) PROVIDE A WRITTEN REPORT TO THE COURT AND PARTIES WHEN  
9 A PROGRAM PARTICIPANT IS NOT MEANINGFULLY ENGAGED WITH THE  
10 INDIVIDUALIZED WRAPAROUND CARE PLAN, INCLUDING NOTIFYING THE  
11 COURT WHEN A PROVIDER, ENVIRONMENTAL, OR SYSTEMIC BARRIER  
12 EXISTS THAT KEEPS THE PROGRAM PARTICIPANT FROM SUCCESSFULLY  
13 ENGAGING WITH THE INDIVIDUALIZED WRAPAROUND CARE PLAN;

14 (i) PROVIDE INFORMATION TO CRIMINAL JUSTICE PERSONNEL  
15 REGARDING BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND COMMUNITY TREATMENT OPTIONS  
16 AND BRIDGES WRAPAROUND CARE PROGRAM BEST PRACTICES; AND

17 (j) PROVIDE A WRITTEN REPORT TO THE COURT REGARDING THE  
18 PROGRAM PARTICIPANT'S PROGRESS WITH THE INDIVIDUALIZED  
19 WRAPAROUND CARE PLAN AS NECESSARY AND FOR THE PURPOSE OF  
20 PROVIDING INFORMATION TO THE COURT FOR ANY HEARINGS RELATED TO  
21 THE PROGRAM PARTICIPANT'S CASE DISMISSAL OR PROGRAM TERMINATION.

22 **16-8.6-107. Judicial district referral process - deadlines.**

23 (1) EACH JUDICIAL DISTRICT SHALL DEVELOP A PROCESS TO IDENTIFY AND  
24 REFER ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUALS TO THE BRIDGES WRAPAROUND CARE  
25 PROGRAM AS A COMMUNITY-BASED ALTERNATIVE TO COMPETENCY  
26 PROCEEDINGS PURSUANT TO THE FOLLOWING SCHEDULE:

27 (a) NO LATER THAN APRIL 1, 2025, FOR THE SECOND,

1 SEVENTEENTH, EIGHTEENTH, AND TWENTIETH JUDICIAL DISTRICTS;

2 (b) NO LATER THAN OCTOBER 1, 2025, FOR THE FIRST, FOURTH,  
3 FIFTH, SIXTH, EIGHTH, FIFTEENTH, SIXTEENTH, TWENTY-FIRST, AND  
4 TWENTY-SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICTS; AND

5 (c) NO LATER THAN JULY 1, 2026, FOR THE THIRD, SEVENTH,  
6 NINTH, TENTH, ELEVENTH, TWELFTH, THIRTEENTH, FOURTEENTH,  
7 NINETEENTH, AND TWENTY-THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICTS.

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9 **16-8.6-108. Eligibility - initial intake - acceptance - release**

10 **from custody.** (1) A DEFENDANT MAY BE REFERRED TO THE BRIDGES  
11 WRAPAROUND CARE PROGRAM WITH THE CONSENT OF THE DISTRICT  
12 ATTORNEY.

13 (2) A DEFENDANT WHO IS REFERRED TO THE BRIDGES  
14 WRAPAROUND CARE PROGRAM IS ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE  
15 PROGRAM IF:

16 (a) THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY AND DEFENSE COUNSEL AGREE THAT  
17 THERE IS REASONABLE CAUSE TO BELIEVE THAT THE DEFENDANT WILL BE  
18 FOUND INCOMPETENT TO PROCEED IF THE ISSUE OF COMPETENCY IS  
19 RAISED;

20 (b) THE DEFENDANT CONSENTS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE BRIDGES  
21 WRAPAROUND CARE PROGRAM; AND

22 (c) THE DEFENDANT IS NOT CHARGED WITH A CLASS 1 FELONY; A  
23 CLASS 2 FELONY; A CLASS 3 FELONY; A LEVEL 1 DRUG FELONY; A LEVEL 2  
24 DRUG FELONY; A SEX OFFENSE, AS DEFINED IN SECTION 18-1.3-1003; A  
25 CRIME OF VIOLENCE, AS DEFINED IN SECTION 18-1.3-406 (2); OR ANY  
26 OFFENSE DESCRIBED IN SECTION 24-4.1-302 (1), UNLESS THE DISTRICT  
27 ATTORNEY WAIVES THIS REQUIREMENT IN THE INTEREST OF JUSTICE.

1 (3) PRIOR TO REFERRING A DEFENDANT TO THE BRIDGES  
2 WRAPAROUND CARE PROGRAM, WHEN THE DEFENDANT IS CHARGED WITH  
3 AN OFFENSE DESCRIBED IN SECTION 24-4.1-302 (1), THE DISTRICT  
4 ATTORNEY SHALL COMPLY WITH ALL RELEVANT PROVISIONS OF SECTION  
5 24-4.1-300.1, ET SEQ.

6 (4) THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY MUST BE PROVIDED ACCESS TO THE  
7 REPORTS AND INFORMATION DESCRIBED IN SECTION 16-8.5-104(1) AND (4)  
8 AND ANY REPORTS AND INFORMATION RELATED TO THE DEFENDANT'S  
9 COMPLIANCE WITH THE BRIDGES WRAPAROUND CARE PROGRAM. A  
10 DEFENDANT WHO CONSENTS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE BRIDGES  
11 WRAPAROUND CARE PROGRAM WAIVES ANY CLAIM TO CONFIDENTIALITY  
12 AND PRIVILEGE FOR THE PURPOSES OF THE REPORTS AND INFORMATION  
13 PROVIDED PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTION (4).

14 (5) IF AN ELIGIBLE DEFENDANT IS REFERRED TO THE BRIDGES  
15 WRAPAROUND CARE PROGRAM AND THE DEFENDANT CONSENTS TO  
16 PARTICIPATE IN THE PROGRAM, THE COURT SHALL ISSUE AN ORDER  
17 APPOINTING A BRIDGES WRAPAROUND CARE COORDINATOR. THE BRIDGES  
18 WRAPAROUND CARE PROGRAM MUST ACCEPT AN ELIGIBLE DEFENDANT  
19 WHO IS REFERRED BY THE COURT TO THE PROGRAM, UNLESS THE BRIDGES  
20 WRAPAROUND CARE COORDINATOR DETERMINES THAT THE BRIDGES  
21 WRAPAROUND CARE PROGRAM IS NOT APPROPRIATE FOR THE DEFENDANT.  
22 IF THE BRIDGES WRAPAROUND CARE PROGRAM IS NOT APPROPRIATE FOR  
23 THE DEFENDANT, BRIDGES OF COLORADO SHALL IMMEDIATELY NOTIFY  
24 THE COURT AND PROVIDE THE COURT WITH OTHER APPROPRIATE  
25 INTERVENTIONS THAT MAY INCLUDE, BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO, CIVIL  
26 COMMITMENT OR OTHER PLACEMENT OPTIONS.

27 (6) IF A DEFENDANT IS ACCEPTED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE BRIDGES

1 WRAPAROUND CARE PROGRAM AND THE DEFENDANT IS IN CUSTODY, THE  
2 COURT SHALL RELEASE THE DEFENDANT ON A PERSONAL RECOGNIZANCE  
3 BOND. UPON MOTION OF THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY OR A REQUEST TO  
4 TERMINATE THE DEFENDANT FROM THE BRIDGES WRAPAROUND CARE  
5 PROGRAM, THE COURT MAY REVOKE THE PERSONAL RECOGNIZANCE BOND  
6 FOR ANY VIOLATION OF BOND CONDITIONS, INCLUDING THE DEFENDANT'S  
7 NONCOMPLIANCE WITH PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS. IF THE COURT  
8 CONTINUES THE DEFENDANT'S PARTICIPATION IN THE BRIDGES  
9 WRAPAROUND CARE PROGRAM, THE COURT SHALL REINSTATE THE  
10 PERSONAL RECOGNIZANCE BOND.

11 **16-8.6-109. Participation - individualized wraparound care**

12 **plan.** (1) AN INDIVIDUAL WHO IS ACCEPTED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE  
13 BRIDGES WRAPAROUND CARE PROGRAM PURSUANT TO SECTION 16-8.6-108  
14 SHALL:

15 (a) ENTER INTO A WRITTEN AGREEMENT WITH BRIDGES OF  
16 COLORADO DETAILING THE INDIVIDUAL'S PARTICIPATION IN THE BRIDGES  
17 WRAPAROUND CARE PROGRAM AND THE PROGRAM EXPECTATIONS;

18 (b) COOPERATE WITH THE BRIDGES WRAPAROUND CARE  
19 COORDINATOR IN DEVELOPING THE COMPONENTS OF THE PARTICIPANT'S  
20 INDIVIDUALIZED WRAPAROUND CARE PLAN; AND

21 (c) ENGAGE WITH THE BRIDGES WRAPAROUND CARE COORDINATOR  
22 AND THE SERVICES OUTLINED IN THE INDIVIDUALIZED WRAPAROUND CARE  
23 PLAN.

24 (2) AS A CONDITION OF ACCEPTANCE IN THE BRIDGES  
25 WRAPAROUND CARE PROGRAM, THE PARTICIPANT MAY BE REQUIRED TO  
26 AUTHORIZE A RELEASE OF INFORMATION TO ALLOW FOR COORDINATION OF  
27 WRAPAROUND CARE SERVICES WITH OTHER SERVICE PROVIDERS AND

1 REVIEW OF THE PARTICIPANT'S COMPLIANCE WITH THE INDIVIDUALIZED  
2 WRAPAROUND CARE PLAN AND ENGAGEMENT WITH SERVICES.

3 (3) THE BRIDGES WRAPAROUND CARE COORDINATOR SHALL  
4 CONDUCT A SCREENING AND ASSESSMENT OF THE PARTICIPANT, WHICH  
5 MAY BE CONDUCTED IN COLLABORATION WITH EXTERNAL SERVICE  
6 PROVIDERS OR ASSESSMENT CENTERS. THE BRIDGES WRAPAROUND CARE  
7 COORDINATOR MAY CONSIDER THE INFORMATION, SERVICES, AND  
8 COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH RESOURCES PROVIDED BY THE BEHAVIORAL  
9 HEALTH ADMINISTRATION IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES AND  
10 THE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES ORGANIZATIONS  
11 ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO PART 4 OF ARTICLE 50 OF TITLE 27.

12 (4) (a) AS PART OF THE SCREENING AND ASSESSMENT CONDUCTED  
13 PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (3) OF THIS SECTION, THE BRIDGES  
14 WRAPAROUND CARE COORDINATOR SHALL CREATE AN INDIVIDUALIZED  
15 WRAPAROUND CARE PLAN FOR THE PARTICIPANT THAT IS DESIGNED TO  
16 REDUCE BARRIERS AND FACILITATE ACCESS TO WRAPAROUND CARE  
17 RESOURCES, ESPECIALLY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND OTHER SOCIAL  
18 DETERMINANTS OF HEALTH SERVICES. THE INDIVIDUALIZED WRAPAROUND  
19 CARE PLAN MUST BE DESIGNED TO SUPPORT CONTINUITY OF CARE, SOCIAL  
20 STABILIZATION, AND INCREASED RECOVERY RATES. THE INDIVIDUALIZED  
21 WRAPAROUND CARE PLAN MUST TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION THE  
22 PARTICIPANT'S BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND SOCIAL DETERMINANTS OF  
23 HEALTH NEEDS, INCLUDING:

- 24 (I) MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT AND CARE;
- 25 (II) TREATMENT AND CARE FOR MENTAL DISABILITIES;
- 26 (III) SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER INTERVENTION AND RECOVERY  
27 SERVICES;



1 (IV) HOUSING, INCLUDING SUPPORTIVE HOUSING;  
2 (V) TRANSPORTATION;  
3 (VI) BASIC NEEDS ASSISTANCE;  
4 (VII) EMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE, IF APPLICABLE; AND  
5 (VIII) HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE, INCLUDING MEDICARE OR  
6 MEDICAID ELIGIBILITY AND ENROLLMENT.


7 (b) THE BRIDGES WRAPAROUND CARE COORDINATOR SHALL  
8 PROVIDE THE DEFENDANT, THE DEFENSE COUNSEL, THE DISTRICT  
9 ATTORNEY, AND THE COURT WITH A COPY OF THE INDIVIDUALIZED  
10 WRAPAROUND CARE PLAN IN WRITING.

11 **16-8.6-110. Review hearing - notice of termination.** (1) THE  
12 COURT SHALL SET A REVIEW HEARING WITHIN ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY-TWO  
13 DAYS AFTER THE COURT ISSUES AN ORDER APPOINTING A BRIDGES  
14 WRAPAROUND CARE COORDINATOR PURSUANT TO SECTION 16-8.6-108(4).  
15 AT THE REVIEW HEARING, THE COURT MUST DISMISS THE CHARGES  
16 AGAINST THE DEFENDANT UNLESS THE COURT FINDS THAT THE DEFENDANT  
17 HAS NOT SATISFACTORILY COMPLIED WITH THE INDIVIDUALIZED  
18 WRAPAROUND CARE PLAN, AT WHICH POINT THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY MAY  
19 FILE A NOTICE OF TERMINATION WITH THE COURT PURSUANT TO  
20 SUBSECTION (2) OF THIS SECTION. IF THE DEFENDANT HAS NOT  
21 SATISFACTORILY COMPLIED WITH THE INDIVIDUALIZED WRAPAROUND  
22 CARE PLAN BUT REMAINS ENGAGED, THE COURT MAY CONTINUE THE  
23 DEFENDANT'S CASE FOR UP TO AN ADDITIONAL NINETY-ONE DAYS AND  
24 SHALL DISMISS THE CHARGES IF THE DEFENDANT HAS SATISFACTORILY  
25 COMPLIED WITH THE INDIVIDUALIZED WRAPAROUND CARE PLAN WITHIN  
26 THE ADDITIONAL NINETY-ONE DAYS.

27 (2) THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY MAY FILE A NOTICE OF TERMINATION

1 WITH THE COURT IF, AT ANY TIME PRIOR TO THE DISMISSAL OF CHARGES,  
2 THE PROSECUTION BELIEVES THAT THE DEFENDANT HAS FAILED TO  
3 SATISFACTORILY COMPLY WITH THE INDIVIDUALIZED WRAPAROUND CARE  
4 PLAN. UPON FILING THE NOTICE OF TERMINATION, THE COURT SHALL SET  
5 A HEARING DATE FOR THE DEFENDANT'S APPEARANCE OR ISSUE A  
6 WARRANT IF REQUESTED BY THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY. IF THE COURT  
7 DETERMINES BASED ON A PREPONDERANCE OF THE EVIDENCE THAT THE  
8 DEFENDANT DID NOT SUCCESSFULLY COMPLY WITH THE INDIVIDUALIZED  
9 WRAPAROUND CARE PLAN, THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY MAY PROSECUTE THE  
10 DEFENDANT FOR THE ORIGINAL OFFENSE OR OFFENSES.

11 (3) IF THE CHARGES AGAINST A DEFENDANT ARE DISMISSED  
12 PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION AND THE CHARGES ARE ELIGIBLE FOR SEALING  
13 PURSUANT TO SECTION 24-72-704, THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY MAY OBJECT,  
14 IN THE INTERESTS OF JUSTICE, TO SEALING THE CASE. IF THE DISTRICT  
15 ATTORNEY FILES A WRITTEN OBJECTION TO THE SEALING WITHIN SEVEN  
16 DAYS OF THE DISMISSAL, THE CHARGES AGAINST THE DEFENDANT ARE NOT  
17 ELIGIBLE FOR SEALING AND THE COURT SHALL NOT ENTER AN ORDER  
18 SEALING THE CHARGES; EXCEPT THAT, THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY MAY, AT  
19 A LATER DATE, WITHDRAW THE OBJECTION AND AGREE TO SEALING THE  
20 CASE THAT IS DISMISSED PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION.

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22 **16-8.6-111. Statements made by defendant.** ANY STATEMENT  
23 MADE BY THE DEFENDANT DURING THE INTAKE, SCREENING AND  
24 ASSESSMENT, OR WHILE PARTICIPATING IN THE BRIDGES WRAPAROUND  
25 CARE PROGRAM PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE 8.6 THAT PERTAINS TO  
26 CHARGES ALREADY FILED AGAINST THE DEFENDANT AT THE TIME OF THE  
27 INITIAL REFERRAL TO THE WRAPAROUND CARE PROGRAM MUST NOT BE

1        USED AGAINST THE DEFENDANT IN THE PROSECUTION OF THOSE CHARGES,  
2        EXCEPT TO IMPEACH OR REBUT THE DEFENDANT'S TESTIMONY.

3                **16-8.6-112. Exclusion from speedy trial.** ANY PERIOD OF TIME  
4        WHEN THE DEFENDANT IS PARTICIPATING IN THE INITIAL INTAKE PURSUANT  
5        TO SECTION 16-8.6-108, IS SCREENED AND ASSESSED PURSUANT TO  
6        SECTION 16-8.6-109, IS PARTICIPATING IN THE PROGRAM, OR FOLLOWING  
7        A NOTICE OF TERMINATION PRIOR TO THE DEFENDANT APPEARING BEFORE  
8        THE COURT IS EXCLUDED FROM SPEEDY TRIAL REQUIREMENTS PURSUANT  
9        TO SECTION 18-1-405 (6), REGARDLESS OF WHETHER THE DEFENDANT  
10        COMPLETED A WRITTEN WAIVER.

11                **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 13-95-101, **amend**  
12        (4) as follows:

13                **13-95-101. Legislative declaration and intent.** (4) Therefore,  
14        the general assembly declares that ~~a statewide behavioral health court~~  
15        ~~liaison program~~ THE OFFICE OF BRIDGES OF COLORADO provides a method  
16        for collaboration and consultation among behavioral health providers,  
17        district attorneys, county attorneys, and defense attorneys about available  
18        community-based behavioral health services and supports, competency  
19        evaluations, restoration to competency services, and other relevant  
20        decisions and issues facing individuals with mental health or co-occurring  
21        behavioral health challenges, including mental health disabilities, who are  
22        involved with the criminal or juvenile justice system, including  
23        appropriateness for community treatment and resource availability.

24                **SECTION 3.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 13-95-102, **amend**  
25        (4), (8), and (9); **repeal** (5) and (10); and **add** (2.5), (2.6), (2.7), and (2.8)  
26        as follows:

27                **13-95-102. Definitions.** As used in this article 95, unless the

1 context otherwise requires:

2 (2.5) "BRIDGES COURT LIAISON" MEANS A PERSON WHO IS HIRED  
3 OR CONTRACTED BY THE OFFICE AS A COURT LIAISON PURSUANT TO THIS  
4 ARTICLE 95.

5 (2.6) "BRIDGES COURT LIAISON PROGRAM" OR "COURT LIAISON  
6 PROGRAM" MEANS THE COURT LIAISON PROGRAM CREATED PURSUANT TO  
7 SECTION 13-95-105.

8 (2.7) "BRIDGES WRAPAROUND CARE COORDINATOR" MEANS A  
9 PERSON WHO IS HIRED OR CONTRACTED BY THE OFFICE AS A WRAPAROUND  
10 CARE COORDINATOR PURSUANT TO SECTION 13-95-105 (2).

11 (2.8) "BRIDGES WRAPAROUND CARE PROGRAM" MEANS THE  
12 BRIDGES WRAPAROUND CARE PROGRAM CREATED PURSUANT TO SECTION  
13 16-8.6-103.

14 (4) "Commission" means the bridges ~~program~~ OF COLORADO  
15 commission created in section 13-95-104.

16 (5) ~~"Court liaison" means a person who is hired or contracted by  
17 the office as a dedicated behavioral health court liaison pursuant to this  
18 article 95.~~

19 (8) "Office" means the office of ~~the statewide behavioral health  
20 court liaison~~ BRIDGES OF COLORADO established in section 13-95-103.

21 (9) "Participant" means an individual with behavioral health  
22 challenges who is involved with the criminal or juvenile justice system  
23 and for whom a BRIDGES court liaison OR BRIDGES WRAPAROUND CARE  
24 COORDINATOR has been appointed pursuant to a court order.

25 (10) ~~"Program" or "bridges program" means the statewide  
26 behavioral health court liaison program established in section 13-95-105.~~

27 **SECTION 4.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 13-95-103, **amend**

1 (1)(a), (1)(b), (1)(c)(II)(A), (4)(a), and (5); and **add** (2) as follows:

2 **13-95-103. Office of bridges of Colorado - administrative**  
3 **support - director - confidentiality - repeal.** (1) (a) There is created the  
4 office of ~~statewide behavioral health court liaison~~ BRIDGES OF COLORADO  
5 as an independent agency in the judicial department. The office has the  
6 powers and duties described in this article 95. THE PURPOSE OF THE  
7 OFFICE IS TO IDENTIFY AND DEDICATE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH  
8 PROFESSIONALS TO PROVIDE SERVICES THROUGH THE BRIDGES COURT  
9 LIAISON PROGRAM AND THE BRIDGES WRAPAROUND CARE PROGRAM IN  
10 EACH STATE JUDICIAL DISTRICT.

11 (b) The office ~~and court liaisons~~ shall provide ~~bridges program~~  
12 services, as described in sections 13-95-104, ~~and~~ 13-95-105, AND ARTICLE  
13 8.6 OF TITLE 16, to ~~persons~~ INDIVIDUALS accused of crimes or delinquent  
14 acts. The office ~~and court liaisons~~ shall provide ~~bridges program~~ services  
15 to participants independently of any political considerations or private  
16 interests.

17 (c) (II) (A) Notwithstanding the appointment authority described  
18 in subsection (1)(c)(I) of this section, the ~~person~~ INDIVIDUAL who, on  
19 April 27, 2023, is serving as director of the statewide behavioral health  
20 court liaison program, as it existed prior to its repeal in 2023, is the  
21 director of the office for a term expiring June 30, 2026. After the initial  
22 term of appointment, the commission may appoint the ~~person~~ INDIVIDUAL  
23 as director pursuant to subsection (1)(c)(I) of this section. The  
24 commission may remove the director serving pursuant to this subsection  
25 (1)(c)(II)(A) for cause.

26 (2) (a) THE OFFICE AND COMMISSION SHALL NOT DISCLOSE  
27 INFORMATION PROVIDED BY AN INDIVIDUAL PARTICIPATING IN THE

1 BRIDGES COURT LIAISON PROGRAM OR BRIDGES WRAPAROUND CARE  
2 PROGRAM EVEN IF THE INFORMATION IS RELIED UPON WHEN COMPILING  
3 INFORMATION FOR A COURT REPORT OR OTHER REPORT REQUESTED OR  
4 REQUIRED BY THE COURT, UNLESS:

5 (I) THE DISCLOSURE IS MADE IN CONNECTION WITH AND INCLUDED  
6 IN A REPORT FILED WITH THE COURT OR AS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO COURT  
7 ORDERED ACTION BY A BRIDGES COURT LIAISON OR A BRIDGES  
8 WRAPAROUND CARE COORDINATOR; ■

9 (II) THE DEFENSE COUNSEL AND THE INDIVIDUAL PARTICIPATING  
10 IN THE BRIDGES COURT LIAISON PROGRAM OR BRIDGES WRAPAROUND CARE  
11 PROGRAM AGREE TO THE DISCLOSURE; OR

12 (III) THE DISCLOSURE IS REQUIRED IN ORDER TO COMPLY WITH  
13 MANDATORY REPORTING REQUIREMENTS PURSUANT TO SECTIONS  
14 18-6.5-108 AND 19-3-304.

15 (b) A BRIDGES COURT LIAISON AND A BRIDGES WRAPAROUND CARE  
16 COORDINATOR SHALL ONLY DISCLOSE INFORMATION REPORTED TO THE  
17 COURT BY THE BRIDGES COURT LIAISON OR BRIDGES WRAPAROUND CARE  
18 COORDINATOR PURSUANT TO A COURT ORDER, BUT THE INFORMATION  
19 MUST BE RESTRICTED IF THE INFORMATION IS OTHERWISE LIMITED BY  
20 COURT RULES.

21 (c) A REPORT REQUESTED OR REQUIRED BY THE COURT MAY BE  
22 SUPPRESSED OR SEALED BASED ON THE CONTENTS OF THE REPORT.

23 (d) THIS SUBSECTION (2) DOES NOT:

24 (I) PREVENT THE OFFICE FROM DISCLOSING THAT A BRIDGES COURT  
25 LIAISON OR BRIDGES WRAPAROUND CARE COORDINATOR WAS APPOINTED  
26 TO A CASE OR HAS ACCESS TO THE CONTENTS OF AN ORDER THAT DIRECTS  
27 THE OFFICE TO TAKE ACTION, AS LONG AS THE COURT ORDER IS NOT

1 OTHERWISE RESTRICTED FROM DISCLOSURE; OR

2 (II) LIMIT THE RIGHTS OF A VALID SUBPOENA, AN INDIVIDUAL  
3 PARTICIPATING IN THE BRIDGES COURT LIAISON PROGRAM OR BRIDGES  
4 WRAPAROUND CARE PROGRAM, THE DEFENSE ATTORNEY, A PERSON WHO  
5 REQUESTS THE PROGRAM PARTICIPANT'S MEDICAL RECORDS UPON  
6 SUBMITTING AN AUTHORIZATION THAT COMPLIES WITH THE FEDERAL  
7 "HEALTH INSURANCE PORTABILITY AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT OF 1996",  
8 42 U.S.C. SEC. 1320d, AS AMENDED, OR A COURT ORDER AUTHORIZING  
9 THE INSPECTION OF THE PROGRAM PARTICIPANT'S MEDICAL RECORDS OR  
10 MENTAL HEALTH DATA PURSUANT TO SECTION 24-72-204 (3)(a)(I).

11 (4) (a) The office and judicial department shall enter into a  
12 memorandum of understanding to provide the office, ~~and court liaisons~~  
13 INCLUDING THE OFFICE'S EMPLOYEES OR CONTRACTORS, electronic  
14 read-only access to the name index and register of actions for those case  
15 types necessary to carry out the office's ~~and court liaisons'~~ statutory  
16 purpose and the duties of ~~their~~ THE OFFICE'S court appointment. The  
17 memorandum of understanding must also delineate a filing process for  
18 ~~court liaisons~~ THE OFFICE, INCLUDING THE OFFICE'S EMPLOYEES AND  
19 CONTRACTORS, to submit reports to the court.

20 (5) The office shall pay the expenses of the bridges ~~program~~ OF  
21 COLORADO commission, established in section 13-95-104.

22 **SECTION 5.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 13-95-104, **amend**  
23 (1), (2)(a)(VI), (2)(c), and (5)(b) as follows:

24 **13-95-104. Bridges of Colorado commission - creation -**  
25 **membership - duties - repeal.** (1) There is created in the office the  
26 bridges ~~program~~ OF COLORADO commission to support the office.

27 (2) (a) The commission is comprised of the following members:

1 (VI) The following members, appointed by the chief justice of the  
2 Colorado supreme court:

3 (A) A representative from a disability rights organization that  
4 provides services to the populations served by the ~~bridges program~~  
5 OFFICE;

6 (B) A representative from a behavioral health, disability, or  
7 criminal justice advocacy organization that advocates for the populations  
8 served by the ~~bridges program~~ OFFICE;

9 (C) A representative from an organization that provides housing  
10 or other resources to the populations served by the ~~bridges program~~  
11 OFFICE; and

12 (D) Three Colorado residents, at least two of whom are  
13 individuals with lived experience reflective of the populations served by  
14 the ~~bridges program~~ OFFICE.

15 (2) (c) Members appointed by the chief justice ~~shall~~ MUST not be  
16 employed or under contract with the office of the ~~statewide behavioral~~  
17 ~~health court liaison~~ or the office within a state department responsible for  
18 assisting civil and forensic mental health patients. To represent the  
19 diversity of the communities served by the ~~bridges program~~ OFFICE, when  
20 making designations or appointments to the commission, the designating  
21 and appointing authorities shall consider a designee's or appointee's place  
22 of residence or employment, gender and gender identity, sexual  
23 orientation, ability, race, ethnic background, and lived experience.

24 (5) The commission shall:

25 (b) Work cooperatively with the director to provide guidance to  
26 the office; provide fiscal oversight of the general operating budget of the  
27 office; participate in funding decisions relating to the provision of



1 program services; and assist with the duties of the office concerning  
2 ~~bridges program~~ OFFICE training and public outreach, as needed.

3 SECTION 6. In Colorado Revised Statutes, **amend** 13-95-105 as  
4 follows:

5 **13-95-105. Bridges of Colorado - programs - administration.**

6 (1) ~~The statewide behavioral health court liaison program, known as the~~  
7 ~~bridges program, is established in the office. Beginning July 1, 2023, The~~  
8 office shall operate the bridges COURT LIAISON program AND THE BRIDGES  
9 WRAPAROUND CARE PROGRAM in each judicial district in the state. The  
10 office shall ~~distribute court liaison~~ PROVIDE PERSONNEL and program  
11 resources equitably in each judicial district and shall ensure that the  
12 program services in each judicial district are consistent with the policies,  
13 procedures, and best practices ~~of the bridges program~~, as established by  
14 the office and commission, and are aligned with statewide goals and  
15 legislative intent.

16 (2) ~~The purpose of the bridges program is to identify and dedicate~~  
17 ~~behavioral health professionals to serve as court liaisons in each state~~  
18 ~~judicial district. The court liaisons~~ OFFICE shall facilitate communication  
19 and collaboration between judicial and behavioral health systems. ~~The~~  
20 ~~office shall hire~~ BY:

21 (a) HIRING, or ~~enter~~ ENTERING into contracts for, individuals to  
22 serve as:

23 (I) BRIDGES court liaisons who provide BRIDGES COURT LIAISON  
24 program services to courts and participants in judicial districts; AND

25 (II) BRIDGES WRAPAROUND CARE COORDINATORS WHO PROVIDE  
26 WRAPAROUND CARE PROGRAM SERVICES TO COURTS AND PARTICIPANTS  
27 IN JUDICIAL DISTRICTS PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 8.6 OF TITLE 16; AND

1 (b) PROVIDING CONSULTATION AND TRAINING TO CRIMINAL AND  
2 JUVENILE JUSTICE PERSONNEL REGARDING BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND  
3 PROGRAM BEST PRACTICES.

4 (3) (a) ~~The bridges program must keep judges, district attorneys,~~  
5 ~~county attorneys, and defense attorneys informed about available~~  
6 ~~community-based behavioral health services, including services for~~  
7 ~~defendants who have been ordered to undergo a competency evaluation~~  
8 ~~or receive competency restoration services pursuant to article 8.5 of title~~  
9 ~~16 and article 2.5 of title 19.~~

10 (b) ~~The bridges program must make efforts to connect participants~~  
11 ~~to, and support engagement with, behavioral health services and services~~  
12 ~~for social determinants of health and to promote positive outcomes for~~  
13 ~~individuals living with behavioral health challenges.~~

14 (c) ~~The bridges program must make efforts to collaborate with~~  
15 ~~service providers, including the office within a state department~~  
16 ~~responsible for assisting civil and forensic mental health patients and~~  
17 ~~jail-based behavioral health providers, to ensure continuity of care and~~  
18 ~~service delivery in a manner that avoids duplication and bifurcation of~~  
19 ~~services.~~

20 **SECTION 7.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **amend** 13-95-106 as  
21 follows:

22 **13-95-106. Bridges court liaisons - bridges wraparound care**  
23 **coordinators - duties and responsibilities.** (1) A BRIDGES court liaison  
24 hired or contracted pursuant to this article 95 has the following duties and  
25 responsibilities:

26 (a) Conducting intake, screening, and assessment, with  
27 participants, for behavioral health history and needs and social

1 determinants of health needs;

2 (b) Determining appropriate referral and treatment options, when  
3 necessary, and making direct connections to, and supporting engagement  
4 with, services for participants, including other criminal or juvenile justice  
5 diversion programs for individuals with behavioral health challenges,  
6 which may include alternatives to competency services, prosecution, and  
7 custody or confinement; if a participant is convicted, alternatives to  
8 sentences to confinement while promoting public safety; and other  
9 diversion-oriented programs, including problem-solving courts,  
10 competency dockets, treatment, sober or supportive housing, and peer  
11 mentor programs;

12 (c) Using the competency information from the statewide court  
13 data system, as updated pursuant to section 13-3-101 (17), to identify  
14 individuals who have not been appointed a BRIDGES court liaison but for  
15 whom an appointment to the bridges COURT LIAISON program may be  
16 beneficial. If ~~a court liaison or the bridges program~~ identifies an  
17 individual IS IDENTIFIED for whom services may be appropriate, the  
18 BRIDGES court liaison may recommend to the judicial officer, defense  
19 attorney, and district attorney working on the case that a BRIDGES court  
20 liaison be appointed for the individual.

21 (d) Addressing system gaps and barriers and promoting positive  
22 outcomes for participants in cases to which the BRIDGES COURT liaison is  
23 assigned;

24 (e) Keeping judges; district attorneys or county attorneys, as  
25 applicable; and defense attorneys informed about available  
26 community-based behavioral health services for the participant in a case,  
27 and, if applicable, case planning for possible release from custody for a

1 participant who has been ordered to undergo a competency evaluation or  
2 receive competency restoration services pursuant to article 8.5 of title 16  
3 and article 2.5 of title 19.

4 (f) Facilitating communication and collaboration between  
5 behavioral health systems and criminal justice entities;

6 (g) Providing ~~consultation and training~~ INFORMATION to criminal  
7 and juvenile justice personnel regarding behavioral health and community  
8 treatment options and bridges COURT LIAISON program best practices; ~~and~~

9 (h) Coordinating with service providers, including the office  
10 within a state department responsible for assisting civil and forensic  
11 mental health patients and jail-based behavioral health providers, to  
12 ensure continuity of care and service delivery in a manner that avoids  
13 duplication and bifurcation of services; AND

14 (i) FOLLOWING THE POLICIES, PROCEDURES, BEST PRACTICES, AND  
15 GUIDANCE OF THE BRIDGES COURT LIAISON PROGRAM, AS ESTABLISHED BY  
16 THE OFFICE AND COMMISSION.

17 (2) A BRIDGES WRAPAROUND CARE COORDINATOR HIRED OR  
18 CONTRACTED PURSUANT TO SECTION 13-95-105 (2) HAS THE DUTIES AND  
19 RESPONSIBILITIES DESCRIBED IN SECTION 16-8.6-106.

20 (3) A BRIDGES COURT LIAISON HIRED OR CONTRACTED PURSUANT  
21 TO THIS ARTICLE 95 AND A BRIDGES WRAPAROUND CARE COORDINATOR  
22 HIRED OR CONTRACTED PURSUANT TO SECTION 13-95-105 (2) SHALL:

23 (a) KEEP JUDGES, DISTRICT ATTORNEYS, COUNTY ATTORNEYS, AND  
24 DEFENSE ATTORNEYS INFORMED ABOUT AVAILABLE COMMUNITY-BASED  
25 BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES, INCLUDING SERVICES FOR DEFENDANTS  
26 WHO HAVE BEEN ORDERED TO UNDERGO A COMPETENCY EVALUATION OR  
27 RECEIVE COMPETENCY RESTORATION SERVICES PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 8.5

1 OF TITLE 16 AND ARTICLE 2.5 OF TITLE 19;

2 (b) MAKE EFFORTS TO CONNECT PARTICIPANTS TO, AND SUPPORT  
3 ENGAGEMENT WITH, BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES AND SERVICES FOR  
4 SOCIAL DETERMINANTS OF HEALTH AND TO PROMOTE POSITIVE OUTCOMES  
5 FOR INDIVIDUALS LIVING WITH BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CHALLENGES,  
6 INCLUDING:

7 (I) MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT AND CARE;

8 (II) TREATMENT AND CARE FOR MENTAL DISABILITIES;

9 (III) SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER INTERVENTION AND RECOVERY  
10 SERVICES;

11 (IV) HOUSING, INCLUDING SUPPORTIVE HOUSING;

12 (V) TRANSPORTATION;

13 (VI) BASIC NEEDS ASSISTANCE;

14 (VII) EMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE, IF APPLICABLE; AND

15 (VIII) HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE, INCLUDING MEDICARE OR  
16 MEDICAID ELIGIBILITY AND ENROLLMENT; AND

17 (c) MAKE EFFORTS TO COLLABORATE WITH SERVICE PROVIDERS,  
18 INCLUDING THE OFFICE WITHIN A STATE DEPARTMENT RESPONSIBLE FOR  
19 ASSISTING CIVIL AND FORENSIC MENTAL HEALTH PATIENTS AND  
20 JAIL-BASED BEHAVIORAL HEALTH PROVIDERS, TO ENSURE CONTINUITY OF  
21 CARE AND SERVICE DELIVERY IN A MANNER THAT AVOIDS DUPLICATION  
22 AND BIFURCATION OF SERVICES.

23 ~~(2)~~ (4) If a court appoints a BRIDGES court liaison OR A BRIDGES  
24 WRAPAROUND CARE COORDINATOR for ~~a person~~ AN INDIVIDUAL, the  
25 statewide court data system must include a record of the appointment and  
26 actions related to the appointment on the ~~person's~~ INDIVIDUAL'S case  
27 records.

1           ~~(3)~~ (5) A BRIDGES court liaison OR A BRIDGES WRAPAROUND CARE  
2 COORDINATOR appointed in a case shall act as IS a resource for the court  
3 and the parties to the case. A BRIDGES court liaison shall AND A BRIDGES  
4 WRAPAROUND CARE COORDINATOR ARE not ~~be an~~ independent party  
5 PARTIES in a case, ~~or~~ AND A BRIDGES COURT LIAISON SHALL NOT serve in  
6 a role intended to monitor compliance with a court order by a party or  
7 other ~~person~~ INDIVIDUAL associated with a case.

8           ~~(4)~~ (6) ~~A court liaison~~ THE OFFICE may continue to serve a  
9 participant WITH A BRIDGES COURT LIAISON OR A BRIDGES WRAPAROUND  
10 CARE COORDINATOR for up to ninety days after final disposition of the  
11 case for which the BRIDGES COURT liaison OR BRIDGES WRAPAROUND  
12 CARE COORDINATOR was appointed.

13           **SECTION 8.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 13-95-107, **amend**  
14 (2) as follows:

15           **13-95-107. Bridges of Colorado program participant services**  
16 **funding.** (2) Requests for money must be submitted through the  
17 appointed BRIDGES court liaison or other employee or designee of the  
18 office.

19           **SECTION 9.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 13-95-109, **amend**  
20 (1) as follows:

21           **13-95-109. Reporting requirements.** (1) On or before  
22 November 1 of each year, the office shall report to the joint budget  
23 committee, or any successor committee, about the office's work and  
24 administration of ~~the bridges program~~ COURT LIAISON PROGRAM AND  
25 BRIDGES WRAPAROUND CARE PROGRAM during the prior year. The report  
26 must include:

27           (a) The number and competency status of cases in the past year

1 when a BRIDGES court liaison was appointed and outcomes in those cases  
2 related to the legislative intent and statewide goals of the ~~program~~ OFFICE,  
3 as set forth in this article 95, including data related to alternatives to  
4 competency services, alternatives to custody, and alternatives to criminal  
5 justice system involvement; ~~and~~

6 (b) Information concerning the use of money from the bridges OF  
7 COLORADO program participant service fund, including a summary of  
8 how money from the fund is being used to alleviate system gaps and  
9 barriers to services; AND

10 (c) THE NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS AND STATUS OF CASES IN THE  
11 PAST YEAR WHEN A BRIDGES WRAPAROUND CARE COORDINATOR WAS  
12 APPOINTED AND THE OUTCOMES OF THE CASES RELATED TO THE  
13 LEGISLATIVE INTENT AND STATEWIDE GOALS OF THE OFFICE, AS SET FORTH  
14 IN ARTICLE 8.6 OF TITLE 16, INCLUDING DATA RELATED TO ALTERNATIVES  
15 TO COMPETENCY SERVICES, ALTERNATIVES TO CUSTODY, AND  
16 ALTERNATIVES TO CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM INVOLVEMENT.

17 **SECTION 10.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 16-8.5-102, **add** (4)  
18 as follows:

19 **16-8.5-102. Mental incompetency to proceed - how and when**  
20 **raised.** (4) IF A DEFENDANT IS ELIGIBLE FOR REFERRAL TO THE BRIDGES  
21 WRAPAROUND CARE PROGRAM PURSUANT ARTICLE 8.6 OF THIS TITLE 16,  
22 THE COURT MAY ASK THE PARTIES WHETHER THE DEFENDANT SHOULD BE  
23 REFERRED FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE PROGRAM. WITH THE AGREEMENT  
24 OF THE PARTIES, THE COURT MAY DELAY MAKING DETERMINATIONS  
25 REGARDING THE DEFENDANT'S COMPETENCY TO ALLOW A BRIDGES  
26 WRAPAROUND CARE COORDINATOR TO CONDUCT AN INITIAL INTAKE OF  
27 THE DEFENDANT PURSUANT TO SECTION 16-8.6-108 TO DETERMINE

1 WHETHER THE BRIDGES WRAPAROUND CARE PROGRAM IS APPROPRIATE  
2 FOR THE DEFENDANT.

3 **SECTION 11.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 16-8.5-111, **add** (4)  
4 as follows:

5 **16-8.5-111. Procedure after determination of competency or**  
6 **incompetency. (4)** IF A DEFENDANT IS FOUND INCOMPETENT TO PROCEED  
7 AND THE DEFENDANT IS ELIGIBLE FOR REFERRAL TO THE BRIDGES  
8 WRAPAROUND CARE PROGRAM PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 8.6 OF THIS TITLE  
9 16, THE COURT MAY ASK THE PARTIES WHETHER THE DEFENDANT SHOULD  
10 BE REFERRED FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE PROGRAM. WITH THE  
11 AGREEMENT OF THE PARTIES, THE COURT MAY DELAY ORDERING  
12 RESTORATION SERVICES FOR THE DEFENDANT TO ALLOW A BRIDGES  
13 WRAPAROUND CARE COORDINATOR TO CONDUCT AN INITIAL INTAKE OF  
14 THE DEFENDANT PURSUANT TO SECTION 16-8.6-108 TO DETERMINE  
15 WHETHER THE BRIDGES WRAPAROUND CARE PROGRAM IS APPROPRIATE  
16 FOR THE DEFENDANT, OR THE COURT MAY ORDER RESTORATION SERVICES  
17 IN CONJUNCTION WITH APPOINTING A BRIDGES COURT LIAISON.

18 **SECTION 12.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 16-8.5-111, **add**  
19 **as repealed and reenacted by House Bill 24-1034 (1.5) and (1.6) as**  
20 **follows:**

21 **16-8.5-111. Procedure after determination of competency or**  
22 **incompetency. (1.5) Referral to wraparound care program.** IF THE  
23 **FINAL DETERMINATION MADE PURSUANT TO SECTION 16-8.5-103 IS THAT**  
24 **THE DEFENDANT IS INCOMPETENT TO PROCEED AND THE DEFENDANT IS**  
25 **ELIGIBLE FOR REFERRAL TO THE BRIDGES WRAPAROUND CARE PROGRAM**  
26 **PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 8.6 OF THIS TITLE 16, THE COURT MAY ASK THE**  
27 **PARTIES WHETHER THE DEFENDANT SHOULD BE REFERRED FOR**



1 PARTICIPATION IN THE PROGRAM. WITH THE AGREEMENT OF THE PARTIES,  
2 THE COURT MAY DELAY ORDERING RESTORATION SERVICES FOR THE  
3 DEFENDANT TO ALLOW A BRIDGES WRAPAROUND CARE COORDINATOR TO  
4 CONDUCT AN INITIAL INTAKE OF THE DEFENDANT PURSUANT TO SECTION  
5 16-8.6-108 TO DETERMINE WHETHER THE BRIDGES WRAPAROUND CARE  
6 PROGRAM IS APPROPRIATE FOR THE DEFENDANT, OR THE COURT MAY  
7 ORDER RESTORATION SERVICES PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (2) OF THIS  
8 SECTION.

9 (1.6) **Mandatory dismissal.** (a) IF THE FINAL DETERMINATION  
10 MADE PURSUANT TO SECTION 16-8.5-103 IS THAT THE DEFENDANT IS  
11 INCOMPETENT TO PROCEED AND IF A DEFENDANT'S HIGHEST CHARGED  
12 OFFENSE IS A CLASS 2 MISDEMEANOR, A PETTY OFFENSE, A DRUG  
13 MISDEMEANOR, OR A TRAFFIC OFFENSE, THE COURT SHALL DISMISS THE  
14 CHARGES AGAINST THE DEFENDANT UNLESS THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY  
15 OBJECTS PRIOR TO THE ENTRY OF THE ORDER TO DISMISS AND MAKES A  
16 PRIMA FACIE SHOWING THAT THE DEFENDANT IS A DANGER TO THE  
17 DEFENDANT'S SELF OR OTHERS OR IS GRAVELY DISABLED AND THERE IS A  
18 REASONABLE BELIEF THAT THE DEFENDANT WILL BE CERTIFIED FOR  
19 TREATMENT AND RECEIVE THE NECESSARY SERVICES PURSUANT TO  
20 ARTICLE 65 OF TITLE 27.

21 (b) IF THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY MAKES THE PRIMA FACIE SHOWING  
22 PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (1.6)(a) OF THIS SECTION, THE COURT SHALL  
23 PROCEED PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (3) OF THIS SECTION OR SECTION  
24 16-8.5-116.5 (7) AND, UPON COMPLETION OF THE CERTIFICATION PROCESS,  
25 THE COURT SHALL DISMISS THE CHARGES AGAINST THE DEFENDANT.

26 (c) IF THE COURT DOES NOT REFER THE DEFENDANT FOR  
27 CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (3) OF THIS SECTION OR

1 SECTION 16-8.5-116.5 (7), THE COURT MAY REFER THE DEFENDANT TO  
2 VOLUNTARILY PARTICIPATE AND RECEIVE SERVICES IN THE COURT LIAISON  
3 PROGRAM PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 95 OF TITLE 13.

4 SECTION 13. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 16-8.5-116, amend  
5 (1), (7), and (14) as follows:

6 16-8.5-116. Certification - reviews - termination of  
7 proceedings - rules. (1) (a) Subject to the time periods and legal  
8 standards set forth in this section, whichever is shortest, a defendant  
9 committed to the custody of the department or otherwise confined as a  
10 result of a determination of incompetency to proceed must not remain  
11 confined for a period in excess of the maximum term of confinement that  
12 could be imposed for only the single most serious offense with which the  
13 defendant is charged, less thirty percent for a misdemeanor offense and  
14 less fifty percent for a felony offense. At the end of such time period, the  
15 court shall dismiss the charges, and certification proceedings or provision  
16 of services, if any, are governed by article 65 or 10.5 of title 27.

17 (b) (I) IF A DEFENDANT'S HIGHEST CHARGED OFFENSE IS A CLASS  
18 2 MISDEMEANOR, A PETTY OFFENSE, A DRUG MISDEMEANOR, OR A TRAFFIC  
19 OFFENSE, AND THE DEFENDANT IS FOUND INCOMPETENT TO PROCEED, THE  
20 COURT SHALL DISMISS THE CHARGES AGAINST THE DEFENDANT UNLESS  
21 THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY OBJECTS PRIOR TO THE ENTRY OF THE ORDER TO  
22 DISMISS AND MAKES A PRIMA FACIE SHOWING THAT THE DEFENDANT IS A  
23 DANGER TO THE DEFENDANT'S SELF OR OTHERS OR IS GRAVELY DISABLED  
24 AND THERE IS A REASONABLE BELIEF THAT THE DEFENDANT WILL BE  
25 CERTIFIED FOR TREATMENT AND RECEIVE THE NECESSARY SERVICES  
26 PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 65 OF TITLE 27.

27 (II) IF THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY MAKES THE PRIMA FACIE SHOWING

1 PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (1)(b)(I) OF THIS SECTION, THE COURT SHALL  
2 PROCEED PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (10) OF THIS SECTION AND, UPON  
3 COMPLETION OF THE CERTIFICATION PROCESS, THE COURT SHALL DISMISS  
4 THE CHARGES AGAINST THE DEFENDANT.

5 (III) IF THE COURT DOES NOT REFER THE DEFENDANT FOR  
6 CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (10) OF THIS SECTION, THE  
7 COURT MAY REFER THE DEFENDANT TO VOLUNTARILY PARTICIPATE AND  
8 RECEIVE SERVICES IN THE BRIDGES WRAPAROUND CARE PROGRAM  
9 PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 8.6 OF TITLE 16.

10 (7) At any review hearing held concerning the defendant's  
11 competency to proceed, the court shall dismiss the charges against the  
12 defendant and release the defendant from confinement, subject to ~~the~~  
13 ~~provisions of~~ subsection (10) of this section, if:

14 (a) The defendant:

15 (I) Is charged with a CLASS 1 misdemeanor; ~~a misdemeanor drug~~  
16 ~~offense, a petty offense, or a traffic offense;~~

17 (II) Has been committed to the custody of the department or  
18 otherwise confined ~~as a result of a determination of incompetency to~~  
19 ~~proceed~~ FOR AN AGGREGATE TIME OF SIX MONTHS; AND

20 (III) Has received competency restoration services while  
21 committed or otherwise confined for an aggregate time of six months; and

22 (b) The court determines, based on available evidence, that the  
23 defendant remains incompetent to proceed.

24 (14) ~~On and after July 1, 2020,~~ The court ~~may, at any time of~~  
25 SHALL, AT AN APPROPRIATE TIME IN the restoration process, order the  
26 department OR THE APPOINTED BRIDGES COURT LIAISON, AS DEFINED IN  
27 SECTION 13-95-102, to provide the court with an appropriate

1 INDIVIDUALIZED release plan DEVELOPED IN CONJUNCTION WITH ANY  
2 NECESSARY COMMUNITY PROVIDERS OR RESOURCES for the reintegration  
3 of the defendant into the community with appropriate services.

4 **SECTION 14.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 16-8.5-124 as  
5 follows:

6 **16-8.5-124. Transparency requirements.** (1) THE DEPARTMENT  
7 SHALL POST PUBLICLY ON THE OFFICE OF CIVIL AND FORENSIC MENTAL  
8 HEALTH'S WEBSITE:

9 (a) ALL POLICIES AND PROCEDURES RELATED TO COMPETENCY  
10 EVALUATIONS, RESTORATION SERVICES, MANAGEMENT OF THE  
11 COMPETENCY WAIT LIST, AND ADMISSION POLICIES REGARDING INPATIENT  
12 RESTORATION SERVICES, INCLUDING SERVICES FOR JAIL-BASED  
13 RESTORATION AND PRIVATE HOSPITAL BEDS;

14 (b) THE NUMBER OF BEDS CURRENTLY AVAILABLE AND OCCUPIED  
15 FOR JAIL-BASED RESTORATION SERVICES;

16 (c) THE NUMBER OF BEDS CURRENTLY AVAILABLE AND OCCUPIED  
17 IN PRIVATE HOSPITALS FOR INPATIENT RESTORATION SERVICES;

18 (d) THE NUMBER OF BEDS CURRENTLY AVAILABLE IN EACH  
19 STATE-RUN HOSPITAL AND OCCUPIED BY ADULT CIVIL PATIENTS, ADULT  
20 RESTORATION PATIENTS, AND ADULT NOT GUILTY BY REASON OF INSANITY  
21 COMMITMENTS;

22 (e) THE NUMBER OF BEDS CURRENTLY AVAILABLE IN EACH  
23 STATE-RUN HOSPITAL AND OCCUPIED BY JUVENILE PATIENTS;

24 (f) THE NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS ON THE COMPETENCY  
25 RESTORATION WAIT LIST;

26 (g) THE LENGTH OF COMPETENCY WAIT LIST TIMES AND AN  
27 EXPLANATION OF THE METHODOLOGY USED TO CALCULATE THE WAIT

1 TIMES; AND

2 (h) ANY PROJECTED DATES FOR THE OPENING OF NEW BEDS AND A  
3 DESCRIPTION OF WHAT TYPE OF BEDS WILL BECOME AVAILABLE.

4 **SECTION 15.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-4.1-302, **amend**  
5 (2)(a.7) as follows:

6 **24-4.1-302. Definitions.** As used in this part 3, and for no other  
7 purpose, including the expansion of the rights of any defendant:

8 (2) "Critical stages" means the following stages of the criminal  
9 justice process:

10 (a.7) The decision to enter into a diversion agreement pursuant to  
11 section 18-1.3-101, ~~C.R.S.~~ OR TO MAKE A REFERRAL TO THE BRIDGES  
12 WRAPAROUND CARE PROGRAM PURSUANT TO SECTION 16-8.6-108;

13 **SECTION 16.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 27-50-403, **add**  
14 (1)(l) as follows:

15 **27-50-403. Behavioral health administrative services**  
16 **organizations - contract requirements - individual access - care**  
17 **coordination.** (1) The BHA shall develop a contract for designated  
18 behavioral health administrative services organizations, which must  
19 include, but is not limited to, the following:

20 (l) REQUIREMENTS FOR THE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH  
21 ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES ORGANIZATIONS TO COLLABORATE WITH  
22 DIVERSION PROGRAMS, STATEWIDE CRIMINAL JUSTICE PROGRAMS, AND  
23 THE BRIDGES WRAPAROUND CARE PROGRAM CREATED PURSUANT TO  
24 ARTICLE 8.6 OF TITLE 16, WHEN THE PROGRAMS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE  
25 BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES ORGANIZATION'S  
26 REGION.

27 **SECTION 17.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 27-50-404, **amend**

1 (3) as follows:

2 **27-50-404. Care coordination - responsibilities of behavioral**  
3 **health administrative services organizations - coordination with**  
4 **managed care entities.** (3) A behavioral health administrative services  
5 organization shall ensure care coordination services through its network  
6 and include local partners, when appropriate, such as counties, school  
7 districts, THE OFFICE OF BRIDGES OF COLORADO ESTABLISHED IN ARTICLE  
8 95 OF TITLE 13, and local collaborative management programs.

9 **SECTION 18. Appropriation - adjustments to 2024 long bill.**

10 (1) To implement this act, the general fund appropriation made in the  
11 annual general appropriation act for the 2024-25 state fiscal year to the  
12 judicial department for use by probation and related services for probation  
13 programs is decreased by \$18,876, and the related FTE is decreased by  
14 0.3 FTE.

15 (2) For the 2024-25 state fiscal year, \$1,430,325 is appropriated  
16 to the judicial department. This appropriation is from the general fund. To  
17 implement this act, the department may use this appropriation as follows:

18 (a) \$223,006 for use by courts administration for general courts  
19 administration, which amount is based on an assumption that the  
20 department will require an additional 3.0 FTE;

21 (b) \$162,390 for use by courts administration for capital outlay;

22 (c) \$615,410 for use by trial courts for trial court programs, which  
23 amount is based on an assumption that the courts will require an  
24 additional 7.0 FTE;

25 (d) \$380,784 for use by the statewide behavioral health liaison for  
26 personal services, which amount is based on an assumption that the  
27 liaison will require an additional 3.5 FTE;

1 (e) \$6,225 for use by the statewide behavioral health liaison for  
2 operating expenses; and

3 (f) \$42,510 for use by the statewide behavioral health liaison for  
4 participant services.

5 (3) For the 2024-25 state fiscal year, \$23,098 is appropriated to  
6 the department of human services for use by the office of behavioral  
7 health. This appropriation is from the general fund and is based on an  
8 assumption that the office will require an additional 0.3 FTE. To  
9 implement this act, the office may use this appropriation for  
10 administration.

11 **SECTION 19. Act subject to petition - effective date.**

12 (1) This act takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration  
13 of the ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly;  
14 except that, if a referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of  
15 article V of the state constitution against this act or an item, section, or  
16 part of this act within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will  
17 not take effect unless approved by the people at the general election to be  
18 held in November 2024 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of  
19 the official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.

20 (2) Section 11 of this act takes effect only if House Bill 24-1034  
21 does not become law.

22 (3) Section 12 of this act takes effect only if House Bill 24-1034  
23 becomes effective, in which case Section 12 takes effect on the effective  
24 date of House Bill 24-1034 or on the applicable effective date of this  
25 House Bill 24-1355, whichever is later.

26 (4) Section 16-8.5-116 (1)(b) as enacted in Section 13 of this act  
27 takes effect only if House Bill 24-1034 does not become law.