

SB012_L.005

HOUSE COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE AMENDMENT
Committee on Finance.

SB14-012 be amended as follows:

- 1 Amend reengrossed bill, page 3, line 13, strike "**assistance - rules.**" and
- 2 substitute "**assistance - pilot program - rules - repeal.**".

- 3 Page 3, line 26, strike "(1)" and substitute "(1); and **add (6)**".

- 4 Page 4, line 13, strike "TEN" and substitute "EIGHT".

- 5 Page 4, after line 24 insert:
- 6 "(6) (a) THE FEDERAL SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY INCOME
- 7 APPLICATION ASSISTANCE PILOT PROGRAM IS CREATED IN THE STATE
- 8 DEPARTMENT AND REFERRED TO IN THIS SECTION AS THE "PILOT
- 9 PROGRAM". THE PURPOSE OF THE PILOT PROGRAM IS TO INCREASE THE
- 10 FEDERAL INCOME ASSISTANCE REIMBURSEMENT RATE FOR THE PROGRAM
- 11 FOR AID TO THE NEEDY DISABLED AND TO EVALUATE BEST PRACTICES FOR
- 12 ENSURING THAT ACCURATE AND COMPLETE APPLICATIONS FOR FEDERAL
- 13 SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY INCOME AND SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY
- 14 DISABILITY INCOME BENEFITS ARE SUBMITTED BY PERSONS APPLYING FOR
- 15 OR RECEIVING AID TO THE NEEDY DISABLED IN COLORADO.
- 16 (b) THE PILOT PROGRAM SHALL CONTINUE FOR TWO YEARS AND
- 17 MUST INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:
- 18 (I) ASSISTANCE TO PERSONS APPLYING FOR OR RECEIVING AID TO
- 19 THE NEEDY DISABLED IN COMPLETING APPLICATIONS FOR FEDERAL
- 20 SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY INCOME AND SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY
- 21 DISABILITY INCOME BENEFITS IN A THOROUGH AND TIMELY MANNER;
- 22 (II) OUTREACH PRIMARILY TO PERSONS WHO ARE HOMELESS AND
- 23 TO OTHER AT-RISK POPULATIONS THAT HAVE LOW RATES OF APPROVAL OF
- 24 FEDERAL SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY INCOME AND SUPPLEMENTAL
- 25 SECURITY DISABILITY INCOME BENEFITS APPLICATIONS;
- 26 (III) IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PILOT PROGRAM IN AT LEAST THREE
- 27 COLORADO COUNTIES THAT HAVE A SIGNIFICANT NUMBER OF APPLICANTS
- 28 FOR THE PROGRAM FOR AID TO THE NEEDY DISABLED;
- 29 (IV) THE DEVELOPMENT OF BEST PRACTICES TO INCREASE THE
- 30 FEDERAL INCOME REIMBURSEMENT RATE FOR PERSONS PARTICIPATING IN
- 31 THE PROGRAM FOR AID TO THE NEEDY DISABLED IN COLORADO AND
- 32 REPORTING THESE BEST PRACTICES TO THE STATE DEPARTMENT, THE
- 33 COUNTY DEPARTMENTS, AND THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY PURSUANT TO
- 34 PARAGRAPH (e) OF THIS SUBSECTION (6).
- 35 (c) THE STATE DEPARTMENT SHALL AWARD A COMPETITIVE

1 CONTRACT TO A NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION WITH EXPERIENCE IN PUBLIC
2 PROGRAM OUTREACH AND IN FEDERAL SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY INCOME
3 BENEFITS PROGRAMS. THE STATE DEPARTMENT MUST AWARD THE
4 CONTRACT AND THE PILOT PROGRAM MUST BE IMPLEMENTED BY OCTOBER
5 1, 2014. THE STATE DEPARTMENT SHALL ESTABLISH POLICIES AND
6 PROCEDURES FOR THE PILOT PROGRAM.

7 (d) THE CONTRACTOR IMPLEMENTING THE PILOT PROGRAM SHALL
8 BE RESPONSIBLE FOR HIRING, TRAINING, AND MANAGING EMPLOYEES TO
9 PERFORM THE STATED SCOPE OF WORK IN THE CONTRACT AND WILL WORK
10 IN COLLABORATION WITH PILOT COUNTIES TO PERFORM APPLICATION
11 ASSISTANCE, OUTREACH, AND ONGOING CASE MAINTENANCE.

12 (e) (I) THE STATE DEPARTMENT SHALL INCLUDE REPORTING
13 REQUIREMENTS FOR THE CONTRACTOR IN THE CONTRACT FOR THE PILOT
14 PROGRAM. AT A MINIMUM, THE REPORTING REQUIREMENTS MUST INCLUDE
15 THE NUMBER OF APPLICANTS ASSISTED, THE PROCESS OR STRATEGIES USED
16 TO ASSIST THE APPLICANTS, THE AVERAGE LENGTH OF TIME TO COMPLETE
17 APPLICATIONS, WHETHER THE FEDERAL SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY INCOME
18 AND SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY DISABILITY INCOME BENEFITS
19 APPLICATIONS WERE APPROVED AND FEDERAL REIMBURSEMENT WAS
20 RECEIVED BY THE STATE, AND BEST PRACTICES DISCOVERED THROUGH THE
21 IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PILOT PROGRAM.

22 (II) ON OR BEFORE NOVEMBER 1, 2015, AND ON OR BEFORE
23 NOVEMBER 1, 2016, THE STATE DEPARTMENT SHALL SUBMIT A REPORT TO
24 THE PUBLIC HEALTH CARE AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE OF THE
25 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND THE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
26 COMMITTEE OF THE SENATE, OR ANY SUCCESSOR COMMITTEES, REGARDING
27 THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PILOT PROGRAM AND THE OUTCOMES
28 ACHIEVED BY PROVIDING ASSISTANCE FOR AID TO THE NEEDY DISABLED
29 PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS WITH FEDERAL SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY INCOME
30 AND SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY DISABILITY INCOME BENEFITS
31 APPLICATIONS. AT A MINIMUM, THE REPORT MUST INCLUDE A SUMMARY
32 OF INFORMATION REQUESTED PURSUANT TO SUBPARAGRAPH (I) OF THIS
33 PARAGRAPH (e).

34 (f) THE STATE DEPARTMENT IS AUTHORIZED TO ACCEPT AND
35 EXPEND GIFTS, GRANTS, OR DONATIONS FROM PRIVATE OR PUBLIC SOURCES
36 FOR THE PURPOSES OF THE PROGRAM; EXCEPT THAT THE OFFICE MAY NOT
37 ACCEPT A GIFT, GRANT, OR DONATION THAT IS SUBJECT TO CONDITIONS
38 THAT ARE INCONSISTENT WITH THIS SUBSECTION (6) OR ANY OTHER LAW
39 OF THE STATE.

40 (g) THE STATE DEPARTMENT MAY EXPEND NO MORE THAN THREE
41 PERCENT OF THE MONEYS ANNUALLY APPROPRIATED FOR THE PILOT

1 PROGRAM TO OFFSET THE COSTS INCURRED IN ADMINISTERING THE
2 CONTRACT AND COMPLYING WITH THE REPORTING REQUIREMENTS.
3 (h) THIS SUBSECTION (6) IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017."

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