SB204 L.016

HOUSE COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE AMENDMENT Committee on <u>Public Health Care & Human Services</u>. SB15-204 be amended as follows:

1 Amend reengrossed bill, page 5, before line 3 insert:

"SECTION 5. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 19-3.3-101, amend (2) introductory portion as follows:

19-3.3-101. Legislative declaration. (2) The general assembly further finds and declares that the establishment of the OFFICE OF THE child protection ombudsman program will:

SECTION 6. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 19-3.3-103, **amend** (1) (a) (I) (B) and (1) (c) as follows:

19-3.3-103. Office of the child protection ombudsman - powers and duties - access to information - confidentiality - testimony - judicial review. (1) The ombudsman has the following duties, at a minimum:

- (a) (I) (B) The ombudsman shall treat all complaints received pursuant to sub-subparagraph (A) of this subparagraph (I) as confidential, including the identities of complainants and individuals from whom information is acquired; except that disclosures may be permitted if the ombudsman deems it necessary to enable the ombudsman to perform his or her duties and to support any recommendations resulting from an investigation. Records relating to complaints received by the program OFFICE and the investigation of complaints are exempt from public disclosure pursuant to article 72 of title 24, C.R.S.
- (c) To report at least annually, pursuant to section 19-3.3-108, concerning the actions taken by the ombudsman with respect to the goals and duties of the program OFFICE.

SECTION 7. In Colorado Revised Statutes, **amend** 19-3.3-104 as follows:

19-3.3-104. Qualified immunity. The ombudsman and employees or persons acting on behalf of the program shall be OFFICE ARE immune from suit and liability, either personally or in their official capacities, for any claim for damage to or loss of property, or for personal injury or other civil liability caused by or arising out of any actual or alleged act, error, or omission that occurred within the scope of employment, duties, or responsibilities pertaining to the program OFFICE, including but not limited to issuing reports or recommendations; except that nothing in this section shall be construed to protect such persons from suit or liability for damage, loss, injury, or liability caused by the intentional or willful and wanton misconduct of any such THAT person."

38 Renumber succeeding sections accordingly.

** *** ** ***

