

**UPDATED SUMMARY
SENATE BILL 15-012**

First Regular Session - Seventieth Colorado General Assembly

This summary applies to the reengrossed version of this bill as introduced in the second house. It does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. This summary reflects only the main points of the legislation.

Early Childhood and School Readiness Commission. Pursuant to the Colorado works program, while a recipient is receiving assistance, the recipient must assign to the department of human services (state department) his or her right to receive child support for purposes of reimbursing the state for the assistance paid to the recipient. *Effective January 1, 2017, upon the state department's notification that the relevant human services case management systems, including the automated child support enforcement system and the Colorado benefits management system are capable of managing the distribution process for the pass-through, the bill requires the state department to pass through to the recipient current child support collected by the state department pursuant to the assignment. The state department shall annually report to the joint budget committee the amount of child support passed through to recipients. Further, the amount of the child support pass-through will not be included in income for purposes of calculating the amount of the applicant's or participant's basic cash assistance payment, however, the child support payments, with applicable disregards, shall be considered income for purposes of determining eligibility. The general assembly may appropriate to the state department moneys sufficient to reimburse the counties for fifty percent of child support collections and the federal government for its share of child support collections. In any fiscal year in which the general assembly does not appropriate the full amount necessary to reimburse the county for the pass-through, the county is not required to, but may, implement the child support pass-through.*