

**UPDATED SUMMARY
HOUSE BILL 16-1385**

Second 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.

The bill updates and modernizes the language in the definition of "abuse" or "child abuse or neglect" in the "Colorado Children's Code" to reflect the ways a child's welfare can be threatened or harmed by adults through the use of or exposure to substances. *The bill authorizes and requires the department of human services (department) to promulgate and adopt rules to ensure the consistent implementation of the new definition. The department shall collect data on the use of the new, modified definition of "child abuse or neglect" and include such data in its annual SMART act reports for January 2018 and January 2019.*

Italicized words indicate new material added to the original summary; dashes through words indicate deletions from the original summary.
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