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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING CREATION OF THE EARLY CHILDHOOD LEADERSHIP
102 COMMISSION.

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://www.leg.state.co.us/billsummaries>.)

The bill creates the early childhood leadership commission (commission) to advance a comprehensive service delivery system for children from birth to 8 years of age using data to improve decision-making, alignment, and coordination among federally funded and state-funded services and programs targeted at young children and

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their families. The commission will consist of up to 31 members, including representatives from 8 governmental agencies that provide or are involved in providing services and supports to young children and their families and up to 23 persons appointed by the governor who represent community and local government agencies that provide services and support for young children, nonprofit organizations that are involved in children's issues, and representatives from the business community. The commission may appoint an executive director and the executive director may hire persons to assist the commission, which persons may be paid only from gifts, grants, or donations. The departments represented on the commission may also provide support services within existing appropriations, and the commission may accept in-kind contributions of services.

The commission's duties include creating a unified data system regarding services and supports for young children, generally coordinating and aligning the efforts of state agencies in providing these services and supports, reviewing and approving, if appropriate, requests made by the early childhood councils for waivers of rules, and making recommendations to the governor, the general assembly, and public and private agencies and policy boards concerning creating a state-level oversight and coordination structure for services and supports for children from birth to 8 years of age. The commission will collaborate with other executive-branch boards, commissions, and councils that address children's issues and with statewide organizations that address child protection and criminal justice issues. The commission will report its recommendations annually in a joint meeting with the governor and the education and health and human services committees of the general assembly.

The bill creates the early childhood leadership commission fund. Any gifts, grants, or donations that the commission receives will be credited to the fund, and the governor may allocate moneys to the fund, but the fund may not receive appropriations from the general fund.

The bill makes a conforming amendment concerning granting regulatory waiver requests by early childhood councils and directing the early childhood council advisory team to collaborate with the commission.

1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

2 **SECTION 1.** Title 24, Colorado Revised Statutes, is amended BY
3 THE ADDITION OF A NEW ARTICLE to read:

4 **ARTICLE 44.7**

1 **Early Childhood Leadership Commission**

2 **24-44.7-101. Legislative declaration.** (1) THE GENERAL

3 ASSEMBLY HEREBY FINDS THAT:

4 (a) PUBLIC INVESTMENTS FOR YOUNG CHILDREN FROM BIRTH TO
5 EIGHT YEARS OF AGE FALL BEHIND INVESTMENTS FOR OLDER COLORADO
6 CHILDREN AND LAG BEHIND NATIONAL TRENDS;

7 (b) RESOURCES THAT ARE AVAILABLE FOR SERVICES AND
8 SUPPORTS FOR YOUNG CHILDREN ARE DERIVED FROM, AT A MINIMUM,
9 TWENTY-THREE DIFFERENT PUBLIC FUNDING SOURCES;

10 (c) PROGRAMS THAT PROVIDE SERVICES AND SUPPORTS FOR YOUNG
11 CHILDREN BLEND MULTIPLE SOURCES OF PUBLIC FUNDING, ALTHOUGH
12 EACH SOURCE HAS ITS OWN PROGRAM STANDARDS AND ELIGIBILITY,
13 REPORTING, DATA TRACKING, AND FUNDING REQUIREMENTS;

14 (d) THE EARLY CHILDHOOD SYSTEM IN COLORADO COMPRISES
15 FOUR SYSTEM SECTORS THAT ADDRESS THE NEEDS OF CHILDREN,
16 INCLUDING EARLY LEARNING, CHILD HEALTH, CHILD MENTAL HEALTH, AND
17 FAMILY SUPPORT AND PARENT EDUCATION. RESEARCH CONFIRMS THAT
18 THESE AREAS ARE INTERRELATED AND THAT IT IS DIFFICULT, IF NOT
19 IMPOSSIBLE, TO SEPARATE CHILDREN'S LEARNING NEEDS FROM THEIR
20 HEALTH AND WELLNESS OR FROM THE INVOLVEMENT AND SUPPORT OF
21 THEIR FAMILIES.

22 (e) THE SUPPORT SYSTEMS AND SERVICES THAT COMPOSE
23 COLORADO'S EARLY CHILDHOOD SYSTEM ARE CURRENTLY SPREAD ACROSS
24 MULTIPLE PUBLIC AGENCIES, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO THE
25 DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION, HUMAN SERVICES, PUBLIC HEALTH AND
26 ENVIRONMENT, HEALTH CARE POLICY AND FINANCING, AND HIGHER
27 EDUCATION, AS WELL AS VARIOUS PRIVATE ENTITIES;

1 (f) THERE ARE AT LEAST SIX SEPARATE COUNCILS OR COMMISSIONS
2 CREATED IN STATUTE OR BY EXECUTIVE ORDER THAT ADDRESS ISSUES
3 RELATING TO SERVICES AND SUPPORTS FOR YOUNG CHILDREN AND A
4 MYRIAD OF RELATED GROUPS CREATED BY PUBLIC AND PRIVATE
5 ORGANIZATIONS THAT SPECIALIZE IN EARLY CHILDHOOD ISSUES;

6 (g) FOR THE STATE'S EARLY CHILDHOOD SYSTEM TO OPERATE
7 EFFECTIVELY, THE EFFORTS OF THE PUBLIC AND PRIVATE AGENCIES THAT
8 COMPOSE THE SYSTEM MUST BE EFFICIENTLY COORDINATED, ALIGNED TO
9 STATE AND FEDERAL STANDARDS, AND MADE ACCOUNTABLE ACROSS
10 STATE SYSTEMS; AND

11 (h) WHILE THERE ARE SEVERAL PLANNING EFFORTS RELATED TO
12 EARLY CHILDHOOD SERVICES AND COLLABORATIVE BODIES WITHIN STATE
13 AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS, THERE IS NO SINGLE VENUE TO ALLOW
14 HIGH-LEVEL DECISION MAKING AMONG POLICY MAKERS, TO COLLECTIVELY
15 STUDY RECOMMENDATIONS, AND TO MAKE JOINT POLICY AND FUNDING
16 RECOMMENDATIONS.

17 (2) THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FURTHER FINDS THAT:

18 (a) A COMMISSION TO ASSIST IN COORDINATING SERVICES AND
19 SUPPORTS FOR YOUNG CHILDREN FROM BIRTH TO EIGHT YEARS OF AGE
20 WILL IMPROVE THE DELIVERY OF THOSE SERVICES AND IMPROVE THE
21 EDUCATIONAL, HEALTH, EMOTIONAL AND MENTAL HEALTH, CHILD
22 WELFARE, AND EMPLOYMENT OUTCOMES FOR THESE CHILDREN AND THEIR
23 FAMILIES; AND

24 (b) A COMMISSION TO ASSIST IN COORDINATING THE DELIVERY OF
25 SERVICES AND SUPPORTS FOR YOUNG CHILDREN WILL ALSO SIGNIFICANTLY
26 IMPROVE COLORADO'S WORKFORCE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BY:

27 (I) HELPING TO ENSURE A HEALTHY, WELL-EDUCATED WORKFORCE

1 FAR INTO THE FUTURE;

2 (II) SUPPORTING THOSE PERSONS WHO CURRENTLY PROVIDE EARLY
3 CHILDHOOD SERVICES AND SUPPORTS AND CREATING ADDITIONAL
4 EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES;

5 (III) SUPPORTING PARENTS OF YOUNG CHILDREN WHO NEED
6 DEPENDABLE, HIGH-QUALITY CHILD CARE AND SUPPORTIVE SERVICES IN
7 ORDER TO BE FULLY ENGAGED AND PRODUCTIVE IN THEIR JOBS; AND

8 (IV) SUPPORTING THE MARKET IN EARLY CHILDHOOD SERVICES
9 AND PRODUCTS AS A VIBRANT ELEMENT OF THE STATE'S ECONOMY.

10 (3) THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FINDS, THEREFORE, THAT IT IS
11 ESSENTIAL TO CREATE A HIGH-LEVEL, INTERAGENCY, PUBLIC-PRIVATE
12 LEADERSHIP COMMISSION TO IDENTIFY OPPORTUNITIES FOR, AND ADDRESS
13 BARRIERS TO, THE COORDINATION OF FEDERAL AND STATE EARLY
14 CHILDHOOD POLICIES AND PROCEDURES THAT AFFECT THE HEALTH AND
15 WELL-BEING OF COLORADO'S CHILDREN.

16 **24-44.7-102. Early childhood leadership commission - created**
17 **- mission.** (1) THERE IS HEREBY CREATED IN THE OFFICE OF THE
18 GOVERNOR THE EARLY CHILDHOOD LEADERSHIP COMMISSION, REFERRED
19 TO IN THIS ARTICLE AS THE "COMMISSION". THE PURPOSE OF THE
20 COMMISSION SHALL BE TO ENSURE AND ADVANCE A COMPREHENSIVE
21 SERVICE DELIVERY SYSTEM FOR CHILDREN FROM BIRTH TO EIGHT YEARS
22 OF AGE USING DATA TO IMPROVE DECISION-MAKING, ALIGNMENT, AND
23 COORDINATION AMONG FEDERALLY FUNDED AND STATE-FUNDED SERVICES
24 AND PROGRAMS FOR YOUNG CHILDREN AND THEIR FAMILIES. AT A
25 MINIMUM, THE COMPREHENSIVE SERVICE DELIVERY SYSTEM FOR CHILDREN
26 SHALL INCLUDE SERVICES IN THE AREAS OF CHILD HEALTH, CHILD MENTAL
27 HEALTH, EARLY LEARNING, AND FAMILY SUPPORT AND PARENT

1 EDUCATION.

2 (2) THE COMMISSION SHALL CONSIST OF UP TO THIRTY-FIVE
3 MEMBERS AS FOLLOWS:

4 (a) THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS OF EACH OF THE FOLLOWING
5 AGENCIES OR THEIR DESIGNEES:

6 (I) THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES;

7 (II) THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT;

8 (III) THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH CARE POLICY AND FINANCING;

9 AND

10 (IV) THE DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION;

11 (b) THE COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION OR HIS OR HER DESIGNEE;

12 (c) THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF INFORMATION
13 TECHNOLOGY OR HIS OR HER DESIGNEE;

14 (d) THE DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OR
15 HIS OR HER DESIGNEE;

16 (e) THE HEAD START-STATE COLLABORATION DIRECTOR FOR
17 COLORADO; ==

18 (f) NO MORE THAN SEVEN PERSONS APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR,
19 WHICH PERSONS COLLECTIVELY HAVE THE FOLLOWING EXPERTISE,
20 AFFILIATIONS, OR BACKGROUNDS:

21 (I) REPRESENTATIVES OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT GROUPS;

22 (II) A REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE STATE WORK FORCE
23 DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL CREATED IN ARTICLE 46.3 OF THIS TITLE;

24 (III) REPRESENTATIVES OF SCHOOL DISTRICTS;

25 (IV) REPRESENTATIVES OF HEAD START PROGRAMS;

26 (V) PROVIDERS OF EARLY CHILDHOOD SUPPORTS AND SERVICES;

27 (VI) PERSONS WHOSE FAMILIES RECEIVE EARLY CHILDHOOD

1 SUPPORTS OR SERVICES;

2 (VII) REPRESENTATIVES OF STATEWIDE, NONPROFIT
3 ORGANIZATIONS INVOLVED IN EARLY CHILDHOOD ISSUES; AND

4 (VIII) MEMBERS OF THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY; AND

5 (g) TWENTY LEGISLATIVE MEMBERS APPOINTED AS FOLLOWS:

6 (I) TEN REPRESENTATIVES, FIVE EACH APPOINTED BY THE
7 SPEAKER AND THE MINORITY LEADER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES;

8 AND

9 (II) TEN SENATORS, FIVE EACH APPOINTED BY THE PRESIDENT AND
10 THE MINORITY LEADER OF THE SENATE.

11 (3) (a) IN APPOINTING PERSONS TO THE COMMISSION, THE
12 GOVERNOR SHALL ENSURE THAT THE APPOINTED PERSONS REFLECT THE
13 GENDER BALANCE AND ETHNIC DIVERSITY IN THE STATE AND PROVIDE
14 REPRESENTATION FROM THROUGHOUT THE STATE AND THAT THE
15 COMMISSION INCLUDES REPRESENTATION OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES.

16 (b) THE PERSONS APPOINTED TO THE COMMISSION PURSUANT TO
17 PARAGRAPH (f) OF SUBSECTION (2) OF THIS SECTION SHALL:

18 (I) SERVE AT THE PLEASURE OF THE GOVERNOR; AND

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20 (II) SERVE WITHOUT COMPENSATION BUT MAY RECEIVE
21 REIMBURSEMENT FOR REASONABLE EXPENSES INCURRED IN FULFILLING
22 THEIR DUTIES ON THE COMMISSION, SUBJECT TO THE AVAILABILITY OF
23 MONEYS PURSUANT TO SECTION 24-44.7-104.

24 (c) IF A VACANCY OCCURS IN THE POSITIONS APPOINTED PURSUANT
25 TO PARAGRAPH (f) OF SUBSECTION (2) OF THIS SECTION, THE GOVERNOR
26 SHALL APPOINT A PERSON TO FILL THE VACANCY.

27 (d) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY PROVISION OF THIS SECTION TO THE

1 CONTRARY, THE GOVERNOR MAY IDENTIFY ONE OR MORE OF THE PERSONS
2 APPOINTED AS OF MARCH 11, 2010, TO THE GOVERNOR'S EARLY
3 CHILDHOOD LEADERSHIP COMMISSION CREATED BY EXECUTIVE ORDER B
4 2010-002 AS A MEMBER INITIALLY APPOINTED TO THE COMMISSION
5 PURSUANT TO PARAGRAPH (f) OF SUBSECTION (2) OF THIS SECTION.

6 (4) (a) THE APPOINTING AUTHORITIES SPECIFIED IN PARAGRAPH (g)
7 OF SUBSECTION (2) OF THIS SECTION SHALL APPOINT THE LEGISLATIVE
8 MEMBERS IN JANUARY OF EACH ODD-NUMBERED YEAR, BEGINNING IN
9 JANUARY 2011. THE LEGISLATIVE MEMBERS SHALL SERVE TWO-YEAR
10 TERMS. THE APPOINTING AUTHORITIES MAY APPOINT PERSONS TO SERVE
11 CONSECUTIVE TERMS. IF A VACANCY ARISES IN A LEGISLATIVE POSITION,
12 THE APPROPRIATE APPOINTING AUTHORITY SHALL FILL THE VACANCY FOR
13 THE REMAINDER OF THE UNEXPIRED TERM ON THE COMMISSION.

14 (b) NOTWITHSTANDING THE PROVISIONS OF PARAGRAPH (a) OF
15 THIS SUBSECTION (4) TO THE CONTRARY, THE APPOINTING AUTHORITIES
16 SPECIFIED IN PARAGRAPH (g) OF SUBSECTION (2) OF THIS SECTION SHALL
17 EACH APPOINT A LEGISLATIVE MEMBER WITHIN THIRTY DAYS AFTER THE
18 EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS SECTION WHO SHALL SERVE AS MEMBERS OF THE
19 COMMISSION THROUGH DECEMBER 2010.

20 (c) THE LEGISLATIVE MEMBERS APPOINTED PURSUANT TO
21 PARAGRAPH (g) OF SUBSECTION (2) OF THIS SECTION SHALL SERVE
22 WITHOUT COMPENSATION BUT MAY RECEIVE REIMBURSEMENT FOR
23 REASONABLE EXPENSES INCURRED IN FULFILLING THEIR DUTIES ON THE
24 COMMISSION, SUBJECT TO THE AVAILABILITY OF MONEYS PURSUANT TO
25 SECTION 24-44.7-104.

26 (5) THE GOVERNOR SHALL APPOINT THREE PERSONS FROM AMONG
27 THE MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION, ONE REPRESENTING BUSINESS

1 INTERESTS, ONE REPRESENTING PRIVATE, NONPROFIT ENTITIES, AND ONE
2 REPRESENTING PUBLIC ENTITIES, TO SERVE AS CO-CHAIRS OF THE
3 COMMISSION. THE COMMISSION SHALL MEET REGULARLY AT THE
4 DIRECTION OF THE CO-CHAIRS AND AS OFTEN AS NECESSARY TO FULFILL
5 ITS DUTIES. THE CO-CHAIRS MAY APPOINT WORKING GROUPS AND
6 SUBCOMMITTEES TO ASSIST THE COMMISSION IN ITS WORK OR TO ADDRESS
7 SPECIFIC ISSUES. THE WORKING GROUPS AND SUBCOMMITTEES, AT THE
8 DISCRETION OF THE CO-CHAIRS, MAY CONSIST OF ANY COMBINATION OF
9 MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION AND OTHER PERSONS FROM THE
10 COMMUNITY.

11 (6) THE COMMISSION MAY APPOINT AN EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO
12 ASSIST THE COMMISSION IN FULFILLING ITS DUTIES PURSUANT TO THIS
13 ARTICLE. THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR MAY APPOINT SUCH ADDITIONAL
14 PERSONS AS MAY BE NECESSARY TO ASSIST THE COMMISSION. THE
15 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND ANY OTHER PERSONS APPOINTED PURSUANT TO
16 THIS SUBSECTION (6) SHALL BE COMPENSATED FROM MONEYS CREDITED
17 TO THE EARLY CHILDHOOD LEADERSHIP COMMISSION FUND CREATED IN
18 SECTION 24-44.7-104.

19 (7) THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE AND THE AGENCIES REPRESENTED ON
20 THE COMMISSION MAY, AT THE REQUEST OF THE COMMISSION AND WITHIN
21 EXISTING APPROPRIATIONS, PROVIDE NECESSARY SUPPORT TO THE
22 COMMISSION, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT,
23 DATA, AND OTHER ANALYTICAL INFORMATION. IN ADDITION, THE
24 COMMISSION MAY ACCEPT IN-KIND CONTRIBUTIONS FROM PUBLIC AND
25 PRIVATE ENTITIES TO THE EXTENT NECESSARY TO COVER THE EXPENSES OF
26 THE COMMISSION.

27 **24-44.7-103. Early childhood leadership commission - duties.**

1 (1) IN ADDITION TO ANY OTHER DUTIES SPECIFIED IN LAW, THE
2 COMMISSION SHALL HAVE THE FOLLOWING DUTIES:

3 (a) TO PROVIDE ADVICE AND RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE GENERAL
4 ASSEMBLY CONCERNING METHODS TO PROMOTE THE SHARING AND USE OF
5 COMMON DATA FOR PLANNING AND ACCOUNTABILITY BY STATE
6 PROGRAMS AND AGENCIES THAT SUPPORT YOUNG CHILDREN. THE
7 COMMISSION SHALL WORK WITH THE GOVERNMENT DATA ADVISORY
8 BOARD CREATED IN SECTION 24-37.5-703 IN DEVELOPING THESE
9 RECOMMENDATIONS.

10 (b) TO IDENTIFY OPPORTUNITIES FOR, AND BARRIERS TO, THE
11 ALIGNMENT OF STANDARDS, RULES, POLICIES, AND PROCEDURES ACROSS
12 PROGRAMS AND AGENCIES THAT SUPPORT YOUNG CHILDREN AND TO
13 RECOMMEND TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND TO GOVERNMENT AND
14 NONPROFIT AGENCIES AND POLICY BOARDS CHANGES TO ENHANCE THE
15 ALIGNMENT AND PROVISION OF SERVICES AND SUPPORTS FOR YOUNG
16 CHILDREN;

17 (c) TO CONSIDER AND RECOMMEND WAIVERS FROM STATE
18 REGULATIONS ON BEHALF OF EARLY CHILDHOOD COUNCILS AS PROVIDED
19 IN SECTION 26-6.5-104 (1), C.R.S.;

20 (d) TO DEVELOP METHODS FOR USING INTERAGENCY DATA TO
21 INFORM COMPREHENSIVE POLICY AND BUDGET DECISIONS RELATING TO
22 CHILDREN'S SERVICES AND SUPPORTS;

23 (e) TO ENSURE THE INTERAGENCY DATA SYSTEM INFRASTRUCTURE
24 ALLOWS FOR STATEWIDE NEEDS ASSESSMENTS CONCERNING THE QUALITY
25 AND AVAILABILITY OF EARLY CHILDHOOD SERVICES, INCLUDING BUT NOT
26 LIMITED TO HEALTH, MENTAL HEALTH, BEHAVIORAL HEALTH, CHILD
27 PROTECTION, FAMILY SUPPORT, AND EARLY LEARNING SERVICES; AND

1 (f) TO DEVELOP RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING A QUALITY,
2 COHESIVE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND CAREER ADVANCEMENT
3 SYSTEM, INCLUDING PERFORMANCE METRICS TO GUIDE CONTINUOUS
4 IMPROVEMENT PROCESSES FOR PROFESSIONALS WORKING WITH YOUNG
5 CHILDREN.

6 (2) THE COMMISSION SHALL REVIEW THE OVERALL GOVERNANCE
7 SYSTEM FOR EARLY CHILDHOOD SERVICES AND SUPPORTS WITHIN THE
8 STATE AND DEVELOP RECOMMENDATIONS CONCERNING THE FEASIBILITY
9 AND EFFICACY OF CREATING A STATE-LEVEL OVERSIGHT AND
10 COORDINATION STRUCTURE FOR THE DELIVERY OF SERVICES AND
11 SUPPORTS TO YOUNG CHILDREN.

12 (3) IN FULFILLING ITS DUTIES, THE COMMISSION SHALL
13 COLLABORATE, AT A MINIMUM, WITH:

14 (a) THE COLORADO EARLY CHILDHOOD COUNCIL ADVISORY TEAM
15 ESTABLISHED IN SECTION 26-6.5-105, C.R.S.;

16 (b) MEMBERS OF THE EARLY CHILDHOOD COUNCILS ESTABLISHED
17 PURSUANT TO SECTION 26-6.5-103, C.R.S.;

18 (c) THE PREVENTION LEADERSHIP COUNCIL CREATED IN THE
19 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT THROUGH THE
20 IMPLEMENTATION OF SECTION 25-20.5-107, C.R.S.;

21 (d) THE STATE WORK FORCE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL CREATED IN
22 ARTICLE 46.3 OF THIS TITLE;

23 (e) THE GOVERNMENT DATA ADVISORY BOARD CREATED IN
24 SECTION 24-37.5-703;

25 (f) THE ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY POVERTY REDUCTION TASK
26 FORCE CREATED IN SECTION 2-2-1404, C.R.S.;

27 (g) ANY OTHER BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, AND COUNCILS EXISTING

1 WITHIN THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH AGENCIES THAT ADDRESS SERVICES AND
2 SUPPORTS FOR YOUNG CHILDREN; AND

3 (h) ANY STATEWIDE ORGANIZATIONS THAT WORK IN THE AREAS OF
4 CHILD PROTECTION OR CRIMINAL JUSTICE.

5 (4) ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 31, 2011, AND ON OR BEFORE
6 JANUARY 31 EACH YEAR THEREAFTER, THE COMMISSION SHALL MEET IN
7 A JOINT SESSION WITH THE GOVERNOR AND THE HEALTH AND HUMAN
8 SERVICES COMMITTEES AND EDUCATION COMMITTEES OF THE HOUSE OF
9 REPRESENTATIVES AND THE SENATE, OR ANY SUCCESSOR COMMITTEES, TO
10 REPORT ITS ADVICE AND RECOMMENDATIONS, INCLUDING ANY
11 RECOMMENDED LEGISLATIVE OR REGULATORY CHANGES, CONCERNING
12 THE ISSUES SPECIFIED IN THIS SECTION. AT THE JOINT MEETING HELD ON
13 OR BEFORE JANUARY 31, 2012, THE COMMISSION SHALL REPORT ITS
14 RECOMMENDATIONS CONCERNING CREATION OF A STATE-LEVEL
15 OVERSIGHT AND COORDINATION STRUCTURE FOR THE DELIVERY OF
16 SERVICES AND SUPPORTS TO YOUNG CHILDREN.

17 **24-44.7-104. Early childhood leadership commission fund -**
18 **created.** (1) THERE IS HEREBY CREATED IN THE STATE TREASURY
19 THE EARLY CHILDHOOD LEADERSHIP COMMISSION FUND, REFERRED TO IN
20 THIS SECTION AS THE "FUND". THE FUND SHALL CONSIST OF SUCH
21 FEDERAL MONEYS AS THE GOVERNOR MAY ALLOCATE TO THE FUND. THE
22 FUND SHALL NOT INCLUDE APPROPRIATIONS OF MONEYS FROM THE STATE
23 GENERAL FUND. THE MONEYS IN THE FUND ARE AVAILABLE TO THE
24 COMMISSION FOR ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS AND THE EXPENSES INCURRED
25 BY THE COMMISSION IN FULFILLING ITS DUTIES PURSUANT TO THIS
26 ARTICLE.

27 (2) ANY MONEYS IN THE FUND NOT EXPENDED FOR THE EXPENSES

1 OF THE COMMISSION MAY BE INVESTED BY THE STATE TREASURER AS
2 PROVIDED BY LAW. ALL INTEREST AND INCOME DERIVED FROM THE
3 INVESTMENT AND DEPOSIT OF MONEYS IN THE FUND SHALL BE CREDITED
4 TO THE FUND. ANY UNEXPENDED AND UNENCUMBERED MONEYS
5 REMAINING IN THE FUND AT THE END OF A FISCAL YEAR SHALL REMAIN IN
6 THE FUND AND SHALL NOT BE CREDITED OR TRANSFERRED TO THE
7 GENERAL FUND OR ANOTHER FUND.

8 **24-44.7-105. Repeal of article.** THIS ARTICLE IS REPEALED,
9 EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2013.

10 **SECTION 2.** 26-6.5-104 (1), Colorado Revised Statutes, is
11 amended to read:

12 **26-6.5-104. Early childhood councils - waivers - rules -**
13 **funding - application.** (1) A local council may request a waiver of any
14 rule that would prevent a council from implementing council projects.
15 The local council shall submit the request to the ~~state department, which~~
16 EARLY CHILDHOOD LEADERSHIP COMMISSION CREATED IN ARTICLE 44.7 OF
17 TITLE 24, C.R.S. THE EARLY CHILDHOOD LEADERSHIP COMMISSION SHALL
18 CONSULT WITH THE AFFECTED STATE AGENCY AND shall work in
19 collaboration with the advisory team in reviewing the request. The state
20 department OR OTHER AFFECTED STATE AGENCY shall grant waivers upon
21 ~~approval~~ RECOMMENDATION BY THE COMMISSION.

22 **SECTION 3.** The introductory portion to 26-6.5-105 (3) and
23 26-6.5-105 (3) (d) and (3) (e), Colorado Revised Statutes, are amended,
24 and the said 26-6.5-105 (3) is further amended BY THE ADDITION OF
25 A NEW PARAGRAPH, to read:

26 **26-6.5-105. Early childhood council advisory team - creation**
27 **- duties.** (3) The duties and functions of the advisory team, in

1 collaboration with the state department, ~~and~~ the office of the lieutenant
2 governor, AND THE EARLY CHILDHOOD LEADERSHIP COMMISSION CREATED
3 IN SECTION 24-44.7-102, C.R.S., shall include but need not be limited to:

4 (d) Advising on the development and implementation of an
5 evaluation of the barriers to successful operation of the local councils,
6 including the efficiency and effectiveness of the state department, in
7 collaboration with the advisory team, in supporting the needs of the
8 councils; ~~and~~

9 (e) Advising on the development and implementation of technical
10 assistance to councils related to developing a local early childhood
11 system and infrastructure to improve and coordinate early childhood
12 services; AND

13 (f) REPORTING ANNUALLY TO THE EARLY CHILDHOOD LEADERSHIP
14 COMMISSION CREATED IN ARTICLE 44.7 OF TITLE 24, C.R.S., REGARDING
15 THE ACTIVITIES AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE ADVISORY TEAM.

16 **SECTION 4. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act
17 shall take effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the
18 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly (August
19 11, 2010, if adjournment sine die is on May 12, 2010); except that, if a
20 referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the
21 state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act
22 within such period, then the act, item, section, or part shall not take effect
23 unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in
24 November 2010 and shall take effect on the date of the official
25 declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.