

HOUSE COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE REPORT

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Chairman of Committee

April 30, 2014  
Date

Committee on Finance.

After consideration on the merits, the Committee recommends the following:

SB14-012 be amended as follows, and as so amended, be referred to the Committee on Appropriations with favorable recommendation:

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;

1 (II) OUTREACH PRIMARILY TO PERSONS WHO ARE HOMELESS AND  
2 TO OTHER AT-RISK POPULATIONS THAT HAVE LOW RATES OF APPROVAL OF  
3 FEDERAL SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY INCOME AND SUPPLEMENTAL  
4 SECURITY DISABILITY INCOME BENEFITS APPLICATIONS;

5 (III) IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PILOT PROGRAM IN AT LEAST THREE  
6 COLORADO COUNTIES THAT HAVE A SIGNIFICANT NUMBER OF APPLICANTS  
7 FOR THE PROGRAM FOR AID TO THE NEEDY DISABLED;

8 (IV) THE DEVELOPMENT OF BEST PRACTICES TO INCREASE THE  
9 FEDERAL INCOME REIMBURSEMENT RATE FOR PERSONS PARTICIPATING IN  
10 THE PROGRAM FOR AID TO THE NEEDY DISABLED IN COLORADO AND  
11 REPORTING THESE BEST PRACTICES TO THE STATE DEPARTMENT, THE  
12 COUNTY DEPARTMENTS, AND THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY PURSUANT TO  
13 PARAGRAPH (e) OF THIS SUBSECTION (6).

14 (c) THE STATE DEPARTMENT SHALL AWARD A COMPETITIVE  
15 CONTRACT TO A NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION WITH EXPERIENCE IN PUBLIC  
16 PROGRAM OUTREACH AND IN FEDERAL SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY INCOME  
17 BENEFITS PROGRAMS. THE STATE DEPARTMENT MUST AWARD THE  
18 CONTRACT AND THE PILOT PROGRAM MUST BE IMPLEMENTED BY OCTOBER  
19 1, 2014. THE STATE DEPARTMENT SHALL ESTABLISH POLICIES AND  
20 PROCEDURES FOR THE PILOT PROGRAM.

21 (d) THE CONTRACTOR IMPLEMENTING THE PILOT PROGRAM SHALL  
22 BE RESPONSIBLE FOR HIRING, TRAINING, AND MANAGING EMPLOYEES TO  
23 PERFORM THE STATED SCOPE OF WORK IN THE CONTRACT AND WILL WORK  
24 IN COLLABORATION WITH PILOT COUNTIES TO PERFORM APPLICATION  
25 ASSISTANCE, OUTREACH, AND ONGOING CASE MAINTENANCE.

26 (e) (I) THE STATE DEPARTMENT SHALL INCLUDE REPORTING  
27 REQUIREMENTS FOR THE CONTRACTOR IN THE CONTRACT FOR THE PILOT  
28 PROGRAM. AT A MINIMUM, THE REPORTING REQUIREMENTS MUST INCLUDE  
29 THE NUMBER OF APPLICANTS ASSISTED, THE PROCESS OR STRATEGIES USED  
30 TO ASSIST THE APPLICANTS, THE AVERAGE LENGTH OF TIME TO COMPLETE  
31 APPLICATIONS, WHETHER THE FEDERAL SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY INCOME  
32 AND SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY DISABILITY INCOME BENEFITS  
33 APPLICATIONS WERE APPROVED AND FEDERAL REIMBURSEMENT WAS  
34 RECEIVED BY THE STATE, AND BEST PRACTICES DISCOVERED THROUGH THE  
35 IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PILOT PROGRAM.

36 (II) ON OR BEFORE NOVEMBER 1, 2015, AND ON OR BEFORE  
37 NOVEMBER 1, 2016, THE STATE DEPARTMENT SHALL SUBMIT A REPORT TO  
38 THE PUBLIC HEALTH CARE AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE OF THE  
39 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND THE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES  
40 COMMITTEE OF THE SENATE, OR ANY SUCCESSOR COMMITTEES, REGARDING  
41 THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PILOT PROGRAM AND THE OUTCOMES

1 ACHIEVED BY PROVIDING ASSISTANCE FOR AID TO THE NEEDY DISABLED  
2 PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS WITH FEDERAL SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY INCOME  
3 AND SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY DISABILITY INCOME BENEFITS  
4 APPLICATIONS. AT A MINIMUM, THE REPORT MUST INCLUDE A SUMMARY  
5 OF INFORMATION REQUESTED PURSUANT TO SUBPARAGRAPH (I) OF THIS  
6 PARAGRAPH (e).

7 (f) THE STATE DEPARTMENT IS AUTHORIZED TO ACCEPT AND  
8 EXPEND GIFTS, GRANTS, OR DONATIONS FROM PRIVATE OR PUBLIC SOURCES  
9 FOR THE PURPOSES OF THE PROGRAM; EXCEPT THAT THE OFFICE MAY NOT  
10 ACCEPT A GIFT, GRANT, OR DONATION THAT IS SUBJECT TO CONDITIONS  
11 THAT ARE INCONSISTENT WITH THIS SUBSECTION (6) OR ANY OTHER LAW  
12 OF THE STATE.

13 (g) THE STATE DEPARTMENT MAY EXPEND NO MORE THAN THREE  
14 PERCENT OF THE MONEYS ANNUALLY APPROPRIATED FOR THE PILOT  
15 PROGRAM TO OFFSET THE COSTS INCURRED IN ADMINISTERING THE  
16 CONTRACT AND COMPLYING WITH THE REPORTING REQUIREMENTS.

17 (h) THIS SUBSECTION (6) IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017.

18 **SECTION 4.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 26-2-210, **amend** (1)  
19 as follows:

20 **26-2-210. State supplemental security income stabilization**  
21 **fund - creation.** (1) There is hereby created in the state treasury the state  
22 supplemental security income stabilization fund, referred to in this section  
23 as the "stabilization fund", for the purpose of stabilizing the source of  
24 funding required to meet the federal requirements for maintenance of  
25 effort for the state-funded supplement to persons receiving SSI benefits.  
26 The stabilization fund shall consist of any excess moneys recovered due  
27 to overpayment of recipients, including regular, fraud, and interim  
28 assistance reimbursement recoveries, and any appropriations made to the  
29 stabilization fund by the general assembly. The moneys in the  
30 stabilization fund are hereby continuously appropriated to the state  
31 department to be expended on programs that count toward the  
32 maintenance of effort for the state supplemental security income as  
33 specified in the state plan when the state department determines that the  
34 state is at risk of not meeting the federal maintenance of effort for that  
35 calendar year. All interest and income derived from the investment and  
36 deposit of moneys in the stabilization fund shall be credited to the  
37 stabilization fund. At the end of any fiscal year, an amount not exceeding  
38 ~~one million five hundred thousand dollars~~ TWENTY PERCENT OF THE  
39 TOTAL APPROPRIATION FOR THE APPLICABLE FISCAL YEAR IN THE ANNUAL  
40 GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS BILL FOR THE PROGRAM FOR AID TO THE NEEDY  
41 DISABLED shall remain in the stabilization fund as a continuous

1 appropriation to be used to meet the state's maintenance of effort  
2 requirements under this part 2, and any unexpended and unencumbered  
3 moneys remaining in the stabilization fund at the end of any fiscal year  
4 in excess of ~~one million five hundred thousand dollars~~ AN AMOUNT EQUAL  
5 TO TWENTY PERCENT OF THE TOTAL APPROPRIATION FOR THE APPLICABLE  
6 FISCAL YEAR IN THE ANNUAL GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS BILL FOR THE  
7 PROGRAM FOR AID TO THE NEEDY DISABLED shall revert to the general  
8 fund.".

9 Renumber succeeding sections accordingly.

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