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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING CHILD CARE ASSISTANCE FOR WORKING FAMILIES.

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>.)*

**Economic Opportunity Poverty Reduction Task Force.** The bill makes several changes to the statute that created a pilot program to address the cliff effect that occurs when working parents in the Colorado child care assistance program (CCCAP) receive a minor increase in their income that makes them ineligible for child care assistance and the increase in wages is not enough to cover the costs for child care without the child care assistance. The cliff effect pilot program was designed to

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.  
*Capital letters indicate new material to be added to existing statute.*  
*Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.*

allow families to remain in the CCCAP program notwithstanding the increase in income. The changes to the statute governing the pilot program include:

- ! Extending the duration of the cliff effect pilot program;
- ! Allowing counties to limit participation in the pilot program to a reasonable percentage of their CCCAP caseload instead of having to cover all of their CCCAP caseload;
- ! Allowing counties to limit participation in the pilot program to families who enter CCCAP with children who are 36 months of age or younger;
- ! Allowing counties to have more flexibility in designing a pilot program that best addresses their specific community needs;
- ! Clarifying the data collection and reporting responsibilities of the county departments of human services and the department of human services (department) about the pilot program.

The bill creates a grant program in the department for the purpose of encouraging counties to undertake activities or strategies that promote access to child care or increase the quality of child care in CCCAP. A county may apply to the department for a grant to fund any of these purposes:

- ! To pay the county's administrative expenses to participate in a cliff effect pilot program and to provide additional benefits to CCCAP parents in the cliff effect pilot program; or
- ! To expand access to child care in CCCAP by providing a full or partial subsidy for child care without a county contribution for more families than those currently served in the county; or
- ! To pay all or a portion of the county's expenses to engage in more than one activity or strategy to promote quality child care in CCCAP in that county.

The state department awards grants from a CCCAP enhancement fund created in the state treasury. To the extent possible and subject to available appropriations, the state department must manage the amount of funds in the enhancement fund and allocate the grants awarded to counties for the purposes or strategies allowed for distributions from the fund with at least 25% of the moneys in the enhancement fund spent on each of the specified purposes. When awarding grants to increase the number of children served in CCCAP, the state department shall distribute the moneys in the enhancement fund among the counties that are awarded grants in a manner that increases the number of children served statewide by an amount that does not exceed 15% more children

than the unduplicated count of the number of children who were served statewide in state fiscal year 2013-14. The bill specifies the types of activities or strategies that may be used to qualify for a grant for activities that promote quality child care.

Grant moneys awarded to a county out of the enhancement fund do not affect the county's block grant for CCCAP and do not affect the county's maintenance of effort for CCCAP. A county is not required to provide local funds to qualify for a grant from the enhancement fund.

Counties are highly encouraged to collaborate with early childhood councils and other community partners as necessary in the development of a grant application.

The executive director of the department or his or her designee must enter into a memorandum of understanding with each county that receives a grant from the CCCAP enhancement fund. The state department may adopt rules as necessary concerning the application process and the administration of the grant program.

The cliff effect program and authority to make grants from the CCCAP enhancement fund for a cliff effect program are repealed, effective July 1, 2020.

The department is directed to report annually about CCCAP and the results of the CCCAP enhancement fund grant program to the house public health care and human services committee and to the senate health and human services committee, or any successor committees. The bill lists the items that should be included in the annual report.

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 26-2-802.5 as  
3 follows:

4 **26-2-802.5. Definitions.** AS USED IN THIS ARTICLE, UNLESS THE  
5 CONTEXT OTHERWISE REQUIRES:

6 (1) "COLORADO CHILD CARE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM" OR "CCCAP"  
7 MEANS THE COLORADO CHILD CARE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM IN THE STATE  
8 DEPARTMENT.

9 (2) "EARLY CHILDHOOD COUNCIL" MEANS AN EARLY CHILDHOOD  
10 COUNCIL ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO PART 1 OF ARTICLE 6.5 OF THIS  
11 TITLE.

1 (3) "HIGH-QUALITY EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAM" MEANS A  
2 PROGRAM THAT IS OPERATED BY A PROVIDER WITH A CONTRACT THROUGH  
3 THE COLORADO CHILD CARE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM AND THAT IS IN THE  
4 TOP TWO RATINGS OF THE STATE'S QUALITY RATING AND IMPROVEMENT  
5 SYSTEM, OR IS ACCREDITED BY A STATE DEPARTMENT-APPROVED  
6 ACCREDITING BODY, OR IS AN EARLY HEAD START PROGRAM THAT MEETS  
7 FEDERAL STANDARDS.

8 (4) "TIERED QUALITY REIMBURSEMENT" MEANS A PAY STRUCTURE  
9 THAT REFLECTS AN INCREASED RATE OF REIMBURSEMENT FOR HIGH-  
10 QUALITY EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAMS THAT RECEIVE MONEYS THROUGH  
11 CCCAP.

12 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 26-2-808, **amend** (2),  
13 (3), (6), (7), and (8); and **add** (2.5) as follows:

14 **26-2-808. Pilot program to continue child care assistance with**  
15 **modifications - legislative declaration - county participation - report**  
16 **- repeal.** (2) Beginning on April 13, 2012, the state department is  
17 authorized to develop and oversee a pilot program in which the Colorado  
18 child care assistance program as outlined in section 26-2-805 is modified  
19 to mitigate the cliff effect for low-income families that are working and  
20 receiving child care assistance, referred to in this section as the "pilot  
21 program". County departments of social services may apply to the  
22 executive director or his or her designee to participate in the pilot  
23 program. COUNTIES ARE HIGHLY ENCOURAGED TO COLLABORATE WITH  
24 EARLY CHILDHOOD COUNCILS AND OTHER COMMUNITY PARTNERS AS  
25 NECESSARY IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE APPLICATION. The executive  
26 director or his or her designee may select up to ten counties that will  
27 participate in the pilot program as described in this section. In selecting

1 the counties, the executive director or his or her designee shall seek  
2 diversity in the size of population, regional location, and demographic  
3 composition AND SHOULD CONSIDER WHETHER THERE WILL BE ENOUGH  
4 PARTICIPANTS IN EACH PILOT PROGRAM TO ENABLE RESEARCHERS TO  
5 EVALUATE WHETHER THE STRATEGIES USED IN THE PILOT PROGRAM HAVE  
6 ADDRESSED THE CLIFF EFFECT. THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OR HIS OR HER  
7 DESIGNEE SHALL ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH  
8 EACH COUNTY DEPARTMENT SELECTED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PILOT  
9 PROGRAM. THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING GOVERNS THE  
10 IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PILOT PROGRAM IN THAT COUNTY, INCLUDING  
11 BUT NOT LIMITED TO HOW THE COUNTY DECIDES WHICH AND HOW MANY  
12 FAMILIES CAN PARTICIPATE IN THE PILOT PROGRAM.

13 (2.5) A COUNTY DEPARTMENT SELECTED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE  
14 PILOT PROGRAM MAY APPLY TO THE STATE DEPARTMENT FOR A GRANT  
15 FROM THE COLORADO CHILD CARE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM ENHANCEMENT  
16 FUND, CREATED IN SECTION 26-2-809, TO COVER THE ADMINISTRATIVE  
17 COSTS OF PARTICIPATING IN THE PILOT PROGRAM AND THE COSTS OF  
18 PROVIDING CONTINUED BENEFITS TO THE FAMILIES WHO ARE  
19 PARTICIPATING IN THE PILOT PROGRAM.

20 (3) A COUNTY HAS THE FLEXIBILITY TO DESIGN THE PILOT  
21 PROGRAM IN A MANNER THAT BEST ADDRESSES THE COUNTY'S SPECIFIC  
22 COMMUNITY NEEDS. IN DEVELOPING THE PILOT PROGRAM FOR THE  
23 COUNTY, A COUNTY MAY LIMIT PARTICIPATION IN THE PILOT PROGRAM TO  
24 A REASONABLE PERCENTAGE OF THE COUNTY'S CASELOAD FOR THE  
25 COLORADO CHILD CARE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM. A COUNTY MAY ALSO  
26 LIMIT PARTICIPATION IN THE PILOT PROGRAM TO FAMILIES WHO ENTER THE  
27 COLORADO CHILD CARE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM WITH CHILDREN WHO ARE

1 THIRTY-SIX MONTHS OF AGE OR YOUNGER. Subject to available  
2 appropriations, a county that is participating in the pilot program shall  
3 continue to provide child care assistance for a period of up to two years  
4 for ~~any person who has~~ A GROUP OF PARTICIPANTS WHO HAVE been  
5 receiving child care assistance from the county and whose income  
6 exceeds the county-adopted income eligibility limit for the county's child  
7 care assistance program. The county shall require a parent who is  
8 receiving extended child care assistance to pay a series of incremental  
9 increases in the portion of the parental share of the child care costs on a  
10 scheduled basis based upon a formula established by the county; except  
11 that assistance shall not be provided if said income exceeds the maximum  
12 level for eligibility for services set by federal law for a family of the same  
13 size. The county shall work with the person to provide a gradual transition  
14 off of the child care assistance over a two-year period. Each county  
15 department shall set its own parental fee schedule and may consult with  
16 the state department on setting the parental fee schedule.

17 (6) A county may participate in the pilot program on and after July  
18 1, 2012, and through ~~July 1, 2016~~ JUNE 30, 2019. A county shall operate  
19 the pilot program for at least two years. A county may apply to participate  
20 in the pilot program on or before January 1, ~~2014~~ 2017. Each  
21 participating county SHALL IDENTIFY THE FAMILIES PARTICIPATING IN THE  
22 PILOT PROGRAM IN THAT COUNTY. THE STATE DEPARTMENT shall collect  
23 ALL data on the pilot program. ~~and shall work with~~ The state department  
24 ~~to~~ SHALL evaluate and report on the pilot program using measurable  
25 outcomes.

26 (7) The state department shall compile the data submitted by the  
27 counties pursuant to subsection (6) of this section and submit a report on

1 the pilot program with the state department's findings and  
2 recommendations to the house PUBLIC health and ~~environment~~ HUMAN  
3 SERVICES committee and to the senate health and human services  
4 committee, or any successor committees. THE STATE DEPARTMENT SHALL  
5 MAKE ITS REPORT ON THE PILOT PROGRAM AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC ON  
6 ITS WEB SITE AND THROUGH OTHER ELECTRONIC MEANS. The state  
7 department shall submit its report TO THE COMMITTEES on or before  
8 October 1, ~~2015~~ 2019.

9 (8) This section is repealed, effective July 1, ~~2016~~ 2020.

10 **SECTION 3.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 26-2-809 and  
11 26-2-810 as follows:

12 **26-2-809. Colorado child care assistance program**  
13 **enhancement fund - creation - legislative declaration - grants - rules**  
14 **- repeal.** (1) (a) THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FINDS THAT ONE OF THE MOST  
15 EFFECTIVE WAYS TO ALLEVIATE POVERTY IS TO ADDRESS THE NEEDS OF  
16 THE PARENTS AND THE CHILD TOGETHER. RESEARCH SHOWS THAT THESE  
17 TWO-GENERATION POVERTY-REDUCTION STRATEGIES ARE THE MOST  
18 EFFECTIVE WAY TO COMBAT POVERTY. THE COLORADO CHILD CARE  
19 ASSISTANCE PROGRAM SHOULD MEET THE DUAL GOALS OF ALLOWING THE  
20 PARENTS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE WORKFORCE OR ENGAGE IN EDUCATION  
21 AND TRAINING ACTIVITIES TO BETTER PREPARE FOR THE WORKFORCE  
22 WHILE ALSO PROVIDING THE CHILDREN WITH CARE IN A HIGH-QUALITY  
23 LEARNING ENVIRONMENT THAT RESULTS IN THE CHILDREN BEING READY  
24 FOR SCHOOL.

25 (b) THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FURTHER FINDS THAT THE COLORADO  
26 CHILD CARE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM SHOULD EXPAND ACCESS TO MORE  
27 LOW-INCOME FAMILIES WITH PARENTS WHO ARE EITHER WORKING OR WHO

1 ARE ENGAGED IN ACTIVITIES TO BETTER PREPARE FOR THE WORKFORCE.

2 (c) THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FURTHER FINDS THAT, IN MEETING  
3 THE GOALS OF EXPANDING ACCESS TO CHILD CARE AND PROMOTING  
4 QUALITY CHILD CARE, THERE NEEDS TO BE A BALANCE BETWEEN THE  
5 ROLES OF THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES AND THE  
6 COUNTIES. IN STRIKING THAT BALANCE, WHERE POSSIBLE, COUNTIES  
7 SHOULD HAVE THE FLEXIBILITY TO IMPLEMENT LOCAL SOLUTIONS THAT  
8 MEET THE UNIQUE NEEDS OF THEIR COMMUNITIES.

9 (2) THERE IS CREATED IN THE STATE TREASURY THE COLORADO  
10 CHILD CARE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM ENHANCEMENT FUND, REFERRED TO IN  
11 THIS SECTION AS THE "ENHANCEMENT FUND", CONSISTING OF ANY MONEYS  
12 THAT MAY BE APPROPRIATED TO THE ENHANCEMENT FUND BY THE  
13 GENERAL ASSEMBLY. THE MONEYS IN THE ENHANCEMENT FUND ARE  
14 SUBJECT TO ANNUAL APPROPRIATION BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO THE  
15 DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES TO PROVIDE GRANTS TO COUNTY  
16 DEPARTMENTS FOR ANY OF THE PURPOSES OR STRATEGIES STATED IN  
17 SUBSECTION (4) OF THIS SECTION. THE STATE TREASURER MAY INVEST ANY  
18 MONEYS IN THE ENHANCEMENT FUND NOT EXPENDED FOR THE PURPOSE OF  
19 THIS SECTION AS PROVIDED BY LAW. THE STATE TREASURER SHALL CREDIT  
20 ALL INTEREST AND INCOME DERIVED FROM THE INVESTMENT AND DEPOSIT  
21 OF MONEYS IN THE ENHANCEMENT FUND TO THE FUND. ANY UNEXPENDED  
22 AND UNENCUMBERED MONEYS REMAINING IN THE ENHANCEMENT FUND AT  
23 THE END OF A FISCAL YEAR REMAIN IN THE FUND AND SHALL NOT BE  
24 CREDITED OR TRANSFERRED TO THE GENERAL FUND OR ANOTHER FUND.

25 (3) THE STATE DEPARTMENT SHALL DEVELOP A GRANT PROGRAM  
26 AND AN APPLICATION PROCESS FOR COUNTY DEPARTMENTS TO APPLY FOR  
27 GRANTS FROM THE ENHANCEMENT FUND. THE STATE DEPARTMENT MAY

1 ADOPT RULES AS NECESSARY CONCERNING THE APPLICATION PROCESS AND  
2 THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE GRANT PROGRAM. COUNTIES ARE HIGHLY  
3 ENCOURAGED TO COLLABORATE WITH EARLY CHILDHOOD COUNCILS AND  
4 OTHER COMMUNITY PARTNERS AS NECESSARY IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF  
5 THE APPLICATION. GRANTS MAY BE AWARDED TO COUNTIES FOR  
6 UNDERTAKING ACTIVITIES THAT IMPROVE ACCESS TO OR IMPROVE THE  
7 QUALITY OF CHILD CARE THROUGH ONE OF THE PURPOSES OR STRATEGIES  
8 STATED IN SUBSECTION (4) OF THIS SECTION. THE STATE DEPARTMENT  
9 REVIEWS APPLICATIONS AND DETERMINES WHICH APPLICATIONS WILL  
10 RECEIVE GRANTS AND THE AMOUNT OF EACH GRANT. THE GENERAL  
11 ASSEMBLY ENCOURAGES THE STATE DEPARTMENT TO DISTRIBUTE THE  
12 GRANT MONEYS AMONG THE COUNTIES IN A WAY THAT FAIRLY  
13 DISTRIBUTES THE MONEYS AMONG THE COUNTIES WITH VARYING  
14 POPULATIONS AND AMONG COUNTIES IN DIFFERENT REGIONS OF THE  
15 STATE. TO THE EXTENT POSSIBLE AND SUBJECT TO AVAILABLE  
16 APPROPRIATIONS, THE STATE DEPARTMENT MUST MANAGE THE AMOUNT  
17 OF FUNDS IN THE ENHANCEMENT FUND AND ALLOCATE THE GRANTS  
18 AWARDED TO COUNTIES FOR THE PURPOSES OR STRATEGIES STATED IN  
19 SUBSECTION (4) OF THIS SECTION. AT LEAST TWENTY-FIVE PERCENT OF  
20 THE MONEYS IN THE ENHANCEMENT FUND MUST BE SPENT ON EACH OF THE  
21 PURPOSES STATED IN SUBSECTION (4) OF THIS SECTION. THE EXECUTIVE  
22 DIRECTOR OR HIS OR HER DESIGNEE SHALL ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM  
23 OF UNDERSTANDING WITH EACH COUNTY AWARDED A GRANT GOVERNING  
24 HOW THE COUNTY WILL IMPLEMENT THE PROGRAM OR STRATEGY FUNDED  
25 BY THE GRANT AND HOW THE COUNTY WILL RECEIVE FUNDING TO  
26 UNDERTAKE THE PROGRAM OR STRATEGY. THE MEMORANDUM OF  
27 UNDERSTANDING MAY ALSO INDICATE IF THERE ARE RULES OF THE STATE

1 DEPARTMENT THAT ARE WAIVED IN ORDER TO CARRY OUT THE PROGRAM  
2 OR STRATEGY.

3 (4) THE STATE DEPARTMENT MAY AWARD A GRANT FROM THE  
4 ENHANCEMENT FUND TO A COUNTY FOR ANY OF THE FOLLOWING PURPOSES  
5 OR STRATEGIES:

6 (a) (I) TO PAY THE EXPENSES OF THE COUNTY FOR THE  
7 ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS OF PARTICIPATING IN A CLIFF EFFECT PILOT  
8 PROGRAM UNDER SECTION 26-2-808 AND THE EXPENSES OF PROVIDING  
9 CONTINUED BENEFITS UNDER THE COLORADO CHILD CARE ASSISTANCE  
10 PROGRAM AS PART OF A CLIFF EFFECT PILOT PROGRAM.

11 (II) THIS PARAGRAPH (a) IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020,  
12 UNLESS THE CLIFF EFFECT PILOT PROGRAM IN SECTION 26-2-808 IS  
13 EXTENDED.

14 (b) TO EXPAND ACCESS TO CHILD CARE UNDER THE COLORADO  
15 CHILD CARE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM BY PROVIDING A FULL OR PARTIAL  
16 SUBSIDY FOR CHILD CARE WITHOUT A COUNTY CONTRIBUTION FOR AN  
17 ADDITIONAL NUMBER OF FAMILIES OVER THOSE SERVED IN THE COUNTY'S  
18 CCCAP AS DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (6) OF THIS SECTION; OR

19 (c) TO PAY ALL OR A PORTION OF THE COUNTY'S EXPENSES FOR  
20 UNDERTAKING MORE THAN ONE ACTIVITY OR STRATEGY TO PROMOTE  
21 QUALITY CHILD CARE AS DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (7) OF THIS SECTION.

22 (5) GRANT MONEYS AWARDED TO A COUNTY OUT OF THE  
23 ENHANCEMENT FUND DO NOT AFFECT THE COUNTY'S BLOCK GRANT FOR  
24 THE COLORADO CHILD CARE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM AND DO NOT AFFECT  
25 THE COUNTY'S MAINTENANCE OF EFFORT FOR THE COLORADO CHILD CARE  
26 ASSISTANCE PROGRAM. A COUNTY IS NOT REQUIRED TO PROVIDE LOCAL  
27 FUNDS TO QUALIFY FOR A GRANT FROM THE ENHANCEMENT FUND.

1           (6) A COUNTY MAY APPLY TO THE STATE DEPARTMENT FOR A  
2 GRANT FROM THE ENHANCEMENT FUND FOR THE PURPOSE OF INCREASING  
3 THE NUMBER OF FAMILIES PARTICIPATING IN THE COLORADO CHILD CARE  
4 ASSISTANCE PROGRAM IN THAT COUNTY. THE STATE DEPARTMENT SHALL  
5 DISTRIBUTE THE MONEYS IN THE ENHANCEMENT FUND AMONG THE  
6 COUNTIES THAT ARE AWARDED GRANTS FOR THIS PURPOSE IN A MANNER  
7 THAT INCREASES THE NUMBER OF CHILDREN SERVED STATEWIDE BY AN  
8 AMOUNT THAT DOES NOT EXCEED FIFTEEN PERCENT MORE CHILDREN THAN  
9 THE UNDUPLICATED COUNT OF THE NUMBER OF CHILDREN WHO WERE  
10 SERVED STATEWIDE IN FISCAL YEAR 2013-14. THE AMOUNT OF THE GRANT  
11 WILL PROVIDE FUNDING TO COVER THE FULL COSTS OF PROVIDING CHILD  
12 CARE ASSISTANCE TO THE NEW POPULATION AND TO AN INDIVIDUAL  
13 FAMILY NEWLY SERVED UNDER THE GRANT FOR AS LONG AS THAT FAMILY  
14 REMAINS ELIGIBLE FOR CCCAP. THE COUNTY IS NOT REQUIRED TO  
15 PROVIDE ANY COUNTY CONTRIBUTION FOR THE CHILD CARE ASSISTANCE  
16 PROVIDED TO THE NEW POPULATION.

17           (7) A COUNTY MAY APPLY TO THE STATE DEPARTMENT FOR A  
18 GRANT FROM THE ENHANCEMENT FUND TO PAY ALL OR A PORTION OF THE  
19 COUNTY'S EXPENSES FOR ENGAGING IN MORE THAN ONE ACTIVITY OR  
20 STRATEGY TO PROMOTE QUALITY CHILD CARE, INCLUDING THE  
21 FOLLOWING:

22           (a) DEVELOPING AND IMPLEMENTING A TIERED QUALITY  
23 REIMBURSEMENT FOR PROVIDERS IN THE COUNTY'S CCCAP TIED TO THE  
24 STATE'S TIERED QUALITY RATING AND IMPROVEMENT SYSTEM FOR  
25 HIGH-QUALITY EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAMS;

26           (b) SUPPORTING CARE FOR INFANTS AND TODDLERS BY  
27 SUPPLEMENTING FUNDS RECEIVED FROM A GRANT THROUGH THE

1 COLORADO INFANT AND TODDLER QUALITY AND AVAILABILITY GRANT  
2 PROGRAM ESTABLISHED IN ARTICLE 6.7 OF THIS TITLE;

3 (c) SUPPORTING PROVIDERS IN CCCAP IN SEEKING  
4 ACCREDITATION THROUGH A NATIONAL ACCREDITING BODY;

5 (d) WAIVING OR SUBSTANTIALLY DECREASING CO-PAYMENTS PAID  
6 BY PARENTS IN CCCAP IF THE PARENTS ENROLL THEIR CHILDREN IN  
7 HIGH-QUALITY CHILD CARE;

8 (e) REDUCING WORK REQUIREMENTS, JOB SEARCH REQUIREMENTS,  
9 OR OTHER ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS, OR LOWERING CO-PAYMENTS IN  
10 CCCAP IF PARENTS ENROLL THEIR CHILDREN IN HIGH-QUALITY CHILD  
11 CARE;

12 (f) EXTENDING CHILD CARE ASSISTANCE IN CCCAP FOR A  
13 MINIMUM OF TWO YEARS TO PARENTS ENGAGED IN POST-SECONDARY  
14 EDUCATION OR OTHER WORKFORCE TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT  
15 PROGRAMS;

16 (g) PROMOTING STABILITY IN PROVIDER AND COUNTY BUDGETS  
17 FOR CCCAP THROUGH CONTRACTING FOR A CERTAIN NUMBER OF  
18 AUTHORIZED REIMBURSEMENTS AND PRIORITIZING THE NUMBER OF  
19 CONTRACTS FOR CARE FOR INFANTS AND TODDLERS;

20 (h) IMPLEMENTING A REIMBURSEMENT SYSTEM FOR PROVIDERS IN  
21 CCCAP THAT ACCOUNTS FOR OPERATING COSTS FOR AN ENROLLED  
22 CHILD'S ABSENCE OR ILLNESS AND FOR HOLIDAYS;

23 (i) MITIGATING THE CLIFF EFFECT THROUGH OTHER STRATEGIES  
24 OUTSIDE OF THE PILOT PROGRAM SO THAT CHILDREN DO NOT EXPERIENCE  
25 A DISRUPTION IN THE CONTINUITY OF CARE;

26 (j) INCREASING REIMBURSEMENT RATES FOR CHILD CARE  
27 PROVIDERS TO AT LEAST SEVENTY-FIVE PERCENT OF THE LOCAL MARKET

1 RATE AS DETERMINED BY THE STATE DEPARTMENT'S MARKET RATE  
2 SURVEY; AND

3 (k) OTHER ACTIVITIES DETERMINED BY THE STATE DEPARTMENT  
4 TO IMPROVE QUALITY WITH MEASURABLE OUTCOMES TIED TO SCHOOL  
5 READINESS AND TO CHILD AND FAMILY WELL-BEING.

6 **26-2-810. Colorado child care assistance program - annual**  
7 **report to the general assembly.** (1) ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 1, 2015,  
8 AND ON OR BEFORE EVERY JANUARY 1 THEREAFTER, THE STATE  
9 DEPARTMENT SHALL REPORT TO THE HOUSE PUBLIC HEALTH CARE AND  
10 HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE AND THE SENATE HEALTH AND HUMAN  
11 SERVICES COMMITTEE, OR ANY SUCCESSOR COMMITTEES, ON THE  
12 COLORADO CHILD CARE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM. THE STATE DEPARTMENT  
13 SHALL ALSO MAKE THIS REPORT AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC THROUGH ITS  
14 WEB SITE OR THROUGH OTHER ELECTRONIC MEANS.

15 (2) THE ANNUAL REPORT MUST INCLUDE, BUT NEED NOT BE  
16 LIMITED TO, THE FOLLOWING:

17 (a) THE NUMBER OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES SERVED THROUGH  
18 CCCAP STATEWIDE AND BY COUNTY, THE GEOGRAPHIC AND  
19 DEMOGRAPHIC DETAILS OF THE PARTICIPANTS AND INCOME LEVELS OF THE  
20 FAMILIES BASED ON THE FEDERAL POVERTY LEVEL, AND THE NUMBER OF  
21 FAMILIES SERVED BY AND THE LENGTH OF TIME SERVED THROUGH THE  
22 CLIFF EFFECT PILOT PROGRAM CREATED IN SECTION 26-2-808;

23 (b) THE NUMBER OF GRANTS AWARDED FROM THE COLORADO  
24 CHILD CARE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM ENHANCEMENT FUND CREATED IN  
25 SECTION 26-2-809, THE AMOUNT AND PURPOSE OF EACH GRANT, AND THE  
26 IMPACT OF EACH GRANT ON IMPROVING ACCESS TO CHILD CARE OR  
27 IMPROVING THE QUALITY OF CHILD CARE;

1 (c) THE NUMBER OF CHILDREN AUTHORIZED FOR A FULL- OR  
2 PART-DAY REIMBURSEMENT IN CCCAP IN EACH COUNTY;

3 (d) THE POPULATION OF ELIGIBLE CHILDREN WHO ARE NOT SERVED  
4 BY CCCAP BOTH STATEWIDE AND BY COUNTY;

5 (e) THE CONTINUITY OF CARE AND ATTACHMENT TO THE  
6 WORKFORCE SUPPORTED BY CCCAP AS MEASURED BY THE CONTINUOUS  
7 NUMBER OF MONTHS A CHILD IS IN CARE AND THE INSTANCES OF  
8 DISRUPTIONS IN WORKFORCE ATTACHMENT BY PARENTS;

9 (f) THE NUMBER OF PROVIDERS SERVING CHILDREN ENROLLED IN  
10 CCCAP BY COUNTY AND HOW MANY NEW PROVIDERS ACCEPT CHILDREN  
11 THROUGH CCCAP AFTER THE PASSAGE OF SENATE BILL 14-\_\_\_, AS  
12 ENACTED IN 2014;

13 (g) THE NUMBER OF CHILDREN IN CCCAP SERVED IN EACH TIER OF  
14 THE STATE'S NEW TIERED QUALITY RATING AND IMPROVEMENT SYSTEM;

15 (h) THE PERCENTAGE OF AUTHORIZATIONS FOR REIMBURSEMENT  
16 IN CCCAP FOR WHICH THERE ARE CONTRACTS WITH PROVIDERS,  
17 INCLUDING HOW MANY ARE FOR INFANTS, TODDLERS, OR CHILDREN, AND  
18 THE NUMBER OF PROVIDERS PER CATEGORY;

19 (i) THE AVERAGE LENGTH OF TIME A FAMILY IS AUTHORIZED FOR  
20 A SUBSIDY UNDER CCCAP INSTEAD OF BEING ELIGIBLE FOR FULL  
21 ASSISTANCE AND THE STANDARD DEVIATION OF THAT DATA;

22 (j) THE NUMBER AND PERCENTAGE OF FAMILIES WHO EXPERIENCE  
23 THE CLIFF EFFECT AND ARE NO LONGER ELIGIBLE FOR CHILD CARE  
24 ASSISTANCE AFTER A REDETERMINATION;

25 (k) THE NUMBER AND PERCENTAGE OF FAMILIES WHO DO NOT  
26 RETURN FOR A REDETERMINATION; AND

27 (l) A COMPARISON BY COUNTY OF THE REIMBURSEMENT RATES FOR

1 CCCAP PROVIDERS COMPARED TO THE LOCAL MARKET RATE FOR CHILD  
2 CARE IN EACH COUNTY.

3 **SECTION 4. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,  
4 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate  
5 preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.