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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING REMOVING CERTAIN LIMITATIONS ON THE PILOT  
102 PROGRAM TO MITIGATE CLIFF EFFECT FOR LOW-INCOME  
103 FAMILIES WHO ARE WORKING AND RECEIVING CHILD CARE  
104 ASSISTANCE.

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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>.)*

**Early Childhood and School Readiness Legislative Commission.** Currently, participation in the pilot program to mitigate the cliff effect for low-income families who are working and receiving child

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.*

care assistance is limited to up to 10 counties. The bill removes that restriction and allows the executive director of the department of human services (executive director), subject to available appropriations, to select additional counties to participate in the program.

In addition, the bill removes the deadline for applications to participate in the pilot program and allows the executive director to approve pilot programs of less than 2 years if a shorter program will contribute relevant data.

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 26-2-808, **amend** (2)  
3 and (6) as follows:

4 **26-2-808. Pilot program to mitigate cliff effect for low-income**  
5 **families who are working and receiving child care assistance -**  
6 **legislative declaration - county participation - fund - grant program**  
7 **- report - repeal.** (2) Beginning on April 13, 2012, the state department  
8 is authorized to develop and oversee a pilot program in which the  
9 Colorado child care assistance program as outlined in section 26-2-805  
10 is modified to mitigate the cliff effect for low-income families ~~that~~ WHO  
11 are working and receiving child care assistance, referred to in this section  
12 as the "pilot program". County departments of social services may apply  
13 to the executive director or his or her designee to participate in the pilot  
14 program. Counties are highly encouraged to collaborate with early  
15 childhood councils and other community partners as necessary in the  
16 development of the application. SUBJECT TO AVAILABLE MONEYS IN THE  
17 FUND, the executive director or his or her designee may select ~~up to ten~~  
18 THE counties that will participate in the pilot program as described in this  
19 section. In selecting the counties, the executive director or his or her  
20 designee shall seek diversity in the size of population, regional location,  
21 and demographic composition and shall consider whether there will be

1 enough participants in each pilot program to enable researchers to  
2 evaluate whether the strategies used in the pilot program have addressed  
3 the cliff effect. The executive director or his or her designee shall enter  
4 into a memorandum of understanding with each county department  
5 selected to participate in the pilot program. The memorandum of  
6 understanding governs the implementation of the pilot program in that  
7 county, including but not limited to how the county decides which and  
8 how many families can participate in the pilot program.

9 (6) A county may participate in the pilot program on and after July  
10 1, 2012, and through June 30, 2019. A county shall operate the pilot  
11 program for at least two years; ~~A county may apply to participate in the~~  
12 ~~pilot program on or before January 1, 2017.~~ EXCEPT THAT THE EXECUTIVE  
13 DIRECTOR OR HIS OR HER DESIGNEE MAY APPROVE A SHORTER PILOT  
14 PROGRAM IF THE PILOT PROGRAM WILL CONTRIBUTE RELEVANT DATA.  
15 Each participating county shall identify the families participating in the  
16 pilot program in that county. The state department shall collect all data on  
17 the pilot program. The state department shall evaluate and report on the  
18 pilot program using measurable outcomes.

19 **SECTION 2. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,  
20 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate  
21 preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.