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**SENATE BILL 16-022**

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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.**

**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.*

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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". THE COUNTIES ARE HIGHLY ENCOURAGED TO  
13 DESIGN THE CLIFF MITIGATION TO BE REVENUE NEUTRAL FOR EACH  
14 INDIVIDUAL FAMILY PARTICIPATING IN THE PILOT PROGRAM. County  
15 departments of social services may apply to the executive director or his  
16 or her designee to participate in the pilot program. Counties are highly  
17 encouraged to collaborate with early childhood councils and other  
18 community partners as necessary in the development of the application.  
19 SUBJECT TO AVAILABLE MONEYS IN THE FUND, the executive director or  
20 his or her designee may select ~~up to ten~~ THE counties that will participate  
21 in the pilot program as described in this section. In selecting the counties,

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

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

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