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HOUSE BILL 16-1183

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING ALIGNING CHANGES MADE TO THE FEDERAL CHILD CARE**
102 **AND DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT REAUTHORIZATION OF 2014**
103 **TO THE COLORADO CHILD CARE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.**

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 aligns state statute with changes in federal law related to the Colorado child care assistance program (CCCAP). The state law is modified to specify that a child receiving CCCAP supports continues to be eligible for those supports for an entire 12-month period before

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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HOUSE
2nd Reading Unamended
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eligibility is redetermined, as long as the child's family income remains below 85% of the state median income for that family size, as required by federal law.

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 26-2-805, amend (2)
3 and (7) (b) as follows:

4 **26-2-805. Services - eligibility - assistance provided - waiting**
5 **lists - rules.** (2) (a) The county may provide child care assistance for any
6 other family whose income MEETS THE REQUIREMENTS OF SUBSECTION (1)
7 OF THIS SECTION BUT does not exceed THE MAXIMUM FEDERAL LEVEL FOR
8 ELIGIBILITY FOR SERVICES OF eighty-five percent of the state median
9 income for a family of the same size. Upon notification to counties by the
10 state department that the relevant human services case management
11 systems, including the Colorado child care automated tracking system, are
12 capable of accommodating this subsection (2), and for a participant or a
13 person or family whose income rises to the level set by the county at
14 which the county may deny the participant, person, or family child care
15 assistance, the county shall immediately notify the family that it is no
16 longer eligible for CCCAP and continue to provide the current CCCAP
17 subsidy to that family for no less than ninety days while the family makes
18 appropriate arrangements for child care. The county is strongly
19 encouraged to continue to provide child care assistance for a period of six
20 months; except that in no event shall child care assistance be provided if
21 the income exceeds the maximum level for eligibility for services set by
22 federal law for a family of the same size. During the six-month period the
23 county shall work with the participant, person, or family to provide a
24 gradual transition off child care assistance provided pursuant to this

1 subsection (2):

2 (b) IF, AT THE TIME OF A PARTICIPANT'S, PERSON'S, OR FAMILY'S
3 TWELVE-MONTH ELIGIBILITY REDETERMINATION, THE PARTICIPANT'S,
4 PERSON'S, OR FAMILY'S INCOME RISES TO OR ABOVE THE LEVEL SET BY THE
5 COUNTY AT WHICH THE COUNTY MAY DENY CHILD CARE ASSISTANCE, BUT
6 THAT INCOME LEVEL REMAINS BELOW THE MAXIMUM FEDERAL ELIGIBILITY
7 LEVEL OF EIGHTY-FIVE PERCENT OF THE STATE MEDIAN INCOME FOR A
8 FAMILY OF THE SAME SIZE, THE COUNTY SHALL IMMEDIATELY NOTIFY THE
9 PARTICIPANT, PERSON, OR FAMILY THAT IT IS NO LONGER ELIGIBLE FOR
10 CCCAP.

11 (c) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED FOR IN PARAGRAPH (d) OF THIS
12 SUBSECTION (2), THE COUNTY SHALL CONTINUE TO PROVIDE THE CURRENT
13 CCCAP SUBSIDY TO A PARTICIPANT, PERSON, OR FAMILY WHO HAS LOST
14 ELIGIBILITY PURSUANT TO PARAGRAPH (b) OF THIS SUBSECTION (2) FOR A
15 PERIOD OF NO LESS THAN NINETY DAYS FROM THE TIME OF NOTIFICATION
16 TO ALLOW THE PARTICIPANT, PERSON, OR FAMILY TO MAKE APPROPRIATE
17 ALTERNATIVE ARRANGEMENTS FOR CHILD CARE. ADDITIONALLY, THE
18 COUNTY IS STRONGLY ENCOURAGED TO CONTINUE TO PROVIDE CHILD
19 CARE ASSISTANCE FOR A PERIOD OF SIX MONTHS FROM THE TIME OF
20 NOTIFICATION. DURING THE SIX-MONTH PERIOD THE COUNTY SHALL WORK
21 WITH THE PARTICIPANT, PERSON, OR FAMILY TO PROVIDE A GRADUAL
22 TRANSITION OFF CHILD CARE ASSISTANCE PROVIDED PURSUANT TO THIS
23 SUBSECTION (2).

24 (d) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY ELIGIBILITY LEVEL SET BY A COUNTY
25 PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION, UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCE MAY A COUNTY
26 PROVIDE CHILD CARE ASSISTANCE PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION IF THE
27 PARTICIPANT'S, PERSON'S, OR FAMILY'S INCOME EXCEEDS THE MAXIMUM

1 LEVEL FOR ELIGIBILITY FOR SERVICES SET BY FEDERAL LAW OF
2 EIGHTY-FIVE PERCENT OF THE STATE MEDIAN INCOME FOR A FAMILY OF
3 THE SAME SIZE.

4 (7)(b) If a county reduces its income eligibility requirements, THE
5 COUNTY SHALL CONTINUE TO ENROLL a child enrolled in CCCAP when
6 the change is implemented ~~must continue to be enrolled in CCCAP~~ until
7 the family's next eligibility redetermination or for six months, whichever
8 is longer.

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