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**HOUSE BILL 16-1377** 

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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

101	CONCERNING THE CREATION OF A TASK FORCE ON THE COLLECTION
102	AND SECURITY OF DIGITAL IMAGES OF EVIDENCE OF CHILD
103	ABUSE OR NEGLECT.

# **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 <a href="http://www.leg.state.co.us/billsummaries">http://www.leg.state.co.us/billsummaries</a>.)

The bill creates a task force on the collection and security of digital images of evidence of child abuse or neglect (task force). The task force is directed to examine the existing system of collecting, documenting, and securing digital images of evidence of suspected child abuse or neglect when employees of county departments of human or social services

(county employees) are assessing allegations of child abuse or neglect, to study best practices for collecting, documenting, and securing digital images of evidence of suspected child abuse or neglect, and to make recommendations to the governor, the state department of human services, the child welfare training academy, the Colorado association of chiefs of police, the county sheriffs of Colorado, the Colorado medical society, and the general assembly for administrative and legislative changes.

The task force includes the executive director of the state department of human services or his or her designee, the child protection ombudsman, an attorney representing the office of the child's representative, an attorney representing the respondent parents' counsel, and 7 members appointed by the governor, 5 members appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives, and 5 members appointed by the president of the senate. The qualifications for the appointed members are specified in the bill. The members of the task force must be appointed on or before September 1, 2016.

The bill specifies the topics that the task force must study, including the statutes, rules, practices, and standards that govern:

- ! How a county employee who has open involvement with a child takes, maintains, and disseminates digital images of a child to document the abuse or neglect or the absence of abuse or neglect; and
- ! How, in any situation of open involvement with a county department, a county employee takes digital images of a child.

The task force must also study:

- ! Whether criteria or standards that county employees follow when documenting evidence of child abuse or neglect through digital images balance the need to collect evidence with the need to protect the privacy and constitutional rights of both parents and of children;
- ! The safeguards used by a county employee to ensure the best interests of children when documenting evidence of child abuse or neglect through digital imagery;
- ! The role of law enforcement agencies in conducting investigations jointly with county departments pursuant to cooperative agreements and whether there are best practices addressed in those cooperative agreements relating to the collecting, sharing, and handling of digital images;
- ! How county departments, law enforcement agencies, and medical professionals collaborate during assessments or investigations of suspected child abuse or neglect to collect, transmit, and share evidence, including digital

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- images, without slowing down the process and while ensuring that there is no impediment to the child's safety;
- ! Whether the statute authorizing the taking of color photographs of children should be amended to include all types of digital images and what precautions should be taken regarding the transmission and storage of digital images of children;
- ! The laws and policies that govern the taking of digital images of children on personal or county-owned cell phones, cameras, or other equipment and safeguards in place to guide county employees on how to take, maintain, and disseminate digital images;
- ! The laws and policies governing the audiotaping and videotaping of child interviews; and
- ! The best practices followed in other states or recommended by national child welfare experts for child welfare caseworkers collecting evidence of suspected child abuse or neglect through digital imagery to document evidence or absence of evidence of child abuse or neglect; collaborating with and sharing in the dissemination of evidence with law enforcement agencies and medical professionals and any other agencies legally authorized in the investigation of child abuse or neglect; referring a child for medical examinations; and maintaining, storing, and safeguarding digital images of children.

The task force shall submit an initial written report on its findings and progress to the governor, the state department of human services, the child welfare training academy, the Colorado association of chiefs of police, the county sheriffs of Colorado, the Colorado medical society, the joint budget committee, and the house public health care and human services committee and the senate health and human services committee, or any successor committees, on or before December 1, 2017. The task force shall submit a final written report with its findings and recommendations for administrative changes and legislative changes, if any, to those same officials and entities on or before December 1, 2018.

The task force is repealed, effective July 1, 2019.

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** part 8 to article

3 of title 19 as follows:

4 PART 8

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1	TASK FORCE ON THE COLLECTION AND SECURITY
2	OF DIGITAL IMAGES OF EVIDENCE
3	OF CHILD ABUSE OR NEGLECT
4	19-3-801. Legislative declaration. (1) THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
5	HAS A STRONG INTEREST IN THE PRACTICES, STANDARDS, AND
6	SAFEGUARDS SURROUNDING COUNTY EMPLOYEES IN THE CHILD WELFARE
7	SYSTEM WHO HAVE AN OPEN INVOLVEMENT WITH A CHILD RELATED TO
8	SUSPECTED ASSAULT OR CHILD ABUSE OR NEGLECT THAT IS DOCUMENTED
9	THROUGH DIGITAL IMAGERY.
10	(2) THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FINDS THAT THERE IS A NEED TO
11	BALANCE THE POLICIES AND PRACTICES USED IN DOCUMENTING CHILD
12	ABUSE OR NEGLECT THROUGH DIGITAL IMAGERY WITH THE NEED TO
13	PROTECT THE PRIVACY RIGHTS OF CHILDREN AND PARENTS.
14	(3) DUE TO ADVANCES IN TECHNOLOGY AND IN DIGITAL IMAGERY,
15	IT IS IMPORTANT TO EVALUATE WHETHER THE CURRENT STATUTES, RULES,
16	AND PRACTICES RELATING TO THE COLLECTION AND STORAGE OF DIGITAL
17	IMAGES OF CHILDREN THAT DOCUMENT CHILD ABUSE OR NEGLECT ARE
18	HANDLED IN WAYS THAT ENSURE THE PRIVACY, SAFETY, AND PROTECTION
19	OF CHILDREN.
20	(4) IN ADDITION, THERE IS A NEED TO ENSURE THERE IS ADEQUATE
21	GUIDANCE ABOUT THE SECURITY AND CONFIDENTIALITY OF EVIDENCE
22	THAT MIGHT BE OBTAINED IN DOCUMENTATION OF CHILD ABUSE OR
23	NEGLECT, INCLUDING THE TAKING AND STORAGE OF DIGITAL IMAGES OF
24	CHILDREN AND ENCOURAGING COLLABORATION BETWEEN COUNTY
25	EMPLOYEES, LAW ENFORCEMENT, MEDICAL PERSONNEL, AND OTHER
26	AGENCIES LEGALLY AUTHORIZED IN THE INVESTIGATION OF ABUSE AND
7	NEGLECT OF CHILDREN WHILE THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ACKNOWLEDGES

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1	THAT SOME PARENTS MAY HAVE CONCERNS ABOUT ANY PHOTOGRAPHS OR

- 2 DIGITAL IMAGES BEING TAKEN OF THEIR CHILDREN, THE GENERAL
- 3 ASSEMBLY FINDS THAT DOCUMENTATION OF ABUSE OR NEGLECT IS
- 4 IMPORTANT TO PROTECT CHILDREN AND THAT ALL PHOTOGRAPHS AND
- 5 DIGITAL IMAGES TAKEN OF CHILDREN SHOULD BE SAFEGUARDED AND
- 6 REMAIN CONFIDENTIAL AS REQUIRED BY LAW.

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- 7 (5) THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY RECOGNIZES THE IMPORTANCE OF 8 ESTABLISHING CLEAR STANDARDS TO ACHIEVE CONSISTENT PRACTICES IN 9 DOCUMENTING EVIDENCE OF ABUSE OR NEGLECT, THE NEED TO 10 PERIODICALLY REVIEW WHETHER LAWS, RULES, AND PRACTICES 11 REGARDING THE COLLECTION OF DIGITAL IMAGES OF CHILDREN NEED TO 12 BE UPDATED TO REFLECT CHANGES IN TECHNOLOGIES AND EMERGING 13 TECHNOLOGIES, AND THE IMPORTANCE OF ENCOURAGING COLLABORATION 14 BETWEEN COUNTY EMPLOYEES, LAW ENFORCEMENT, MEDICAL PERSONNEL, 15 AND ANY OTHER AGENCIES LEGALLY AUTHORIZED IN THE INVESTIGATION 16 OF CHILD ABUSE OR NEGLECT.
  - (6) THEREFORE, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FINDS THAT IT WOULD BE VALUABLE TO CREATE A TASK FORCE OF PERSONS WITH EXPERIENCE IN OR INTEREST IN THE CHILD WELFARE POLICY SYSTEM TO EXAMINE THE CURRENT POLICIES AND STATUTES GOVERNING THE COLLECTION AND SECURITY OF DIGITAL IMAGES OF EVIDENCE OF CHILD ABUSE OR NEGLECT, STUDY BEST PRACTICES ON COLLECTING AND SECURING DIGITAL IMAGES OF EVIDENCE OF CHILD ABUSE OR NEGLECT, AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH AND GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND LEGISLATIVE CHANGES TO IMPROVE THE COLLECTING AND SECURING OF DIGITAL IMAGES OF EVIDENCE OF CHILD ABUSE OR NEGLECT.

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1	19-3-802. Delinitions. As used in this Part 8, unless the
2	CONTEXT OTHERWISE REQUIRES:
3	(1) "CHILD'S PRIVATE AREAS" MEANS THE CHILD'S GENITALS, PUBIC
4	AREA, BUTTOCKS, OR FEMALE BREAST AREA.
5	(2) "COUNTY DEPARTMENT" MEANS A COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF
6	SOCIAL OR HUMAN SERVICES.
7	(3) "COUNTY EMPLOYEE" MEANS AN EMPLOYEE OF A COUNTY
8	DEPARTMENT. "COUNTY EMPLOYEE" ALSO INCLUDES A PERSON WORKING
9	AS A CONTRACTOR OR SUBCONTRACTOR WHO IS PROVIDING CASEWORKER
10	SERVICES FOR A COUNTY.
11	(4) "DIGITAL IMAGE" OR "DIGITAL IMAGERY" MEANS ANY VISUAL
12	DEPICTION CREATED ELECTRONICALLY OR TRANSFORMED INTO AN
13	ELECTRONIC FORMAT, INCLUDING ANY PHOTOGRAPH, FILM, VIDEO,
14	COMPUTER OR COMPUTER-GENERATED IMAGE OR PICTURE, OR ANY
15	SIMILAR VISUAL DEPICTION THAT IS:
16	(a) CAPABLE OF STORAGE IN OR TRANSMISSION TO AN ELECTRONIC
17	FORMAT, INCLUDING ON ELECTRONIC DEVICES AND APPLICATIONS, ON THE
18	INTERNET, OR IN THE CLOUD; OR
19	(b) CAPABLE OF TRANSFORMATION FROM AN ELECTRONIC FORMAT
20	INTO ANOTHER FORMAT, SUCH AS A PRINTED PAGE.
21	(5) "OPEN INVOLVEMENT" MEANS A SITUATION IN WHICH THE
22	COUNTY DEPARTMENT CURRENTLY HAS A REFERRAL, HAS A RESPONSE TO
23	A REPORT, HAS OPENED AN ASSESSMENT, IS PROVIDING SERVICES, OR HAS
24	AN OPEN CASE IN THE COLORADO TRAILS SYSTEM THAT IS RELATED TO
25	THE PROVISION OF CHILD WELFARE SERVICES, AS DEFINED IN SECTION
26	26-5-101 (3), C.R.S.
2.7	(6) "STATE DEPARTMENT" MEANS THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF

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2	(7) "TASK FORCE" MEANS THE TASK FORCE ON THE COLLECTION
3	AND SECURITY OF DIGITAL IMAGES OF CHILD ABUSE OR NEGLECT, CREATED
4	IN SECTION 19-3-803.
5	19-3-803. Task force on the collection and security of digital
6	images of child abuse or neglect - creation - membership. $(1)\ \ \textsc{There}$
7	IS HEREBY CREATED THE TASK FORCE ON THE COLLECTION AND SECURITY
8	OF DIGITAL IMAGES OF CHILD ABUSE OR NEGLECT, FOR THE PURPOSE OF
9	STUDYING THE ISSUES SET FORTH IN SECTION 19-3-804 AND MAKING
10	FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE GOVERNOR, THE STATE
11	department, the child welfare training academy, the Colorado
12	${\tt ASSOCIATIONOFCHIEFSOFPOLICE, THECOUNTYSHERIFFSOFCOLORADO,}$
13	THE COLORADO MEDICAL SOCIETY, AND THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON
14	ADMINISTRATIVE AND LEGISLATIVE CHANGES TO IMPROVE THE
15	COLLECTION AND SECURITY OF DIGITAL IMAGES OF CHILD ABUSE OR
16	NEGLECT.
17	(2) The membership of the task force must not exceed
18	TWENTY-ONE MEMBERS AND, TO THE EXTENT PRACTICABLE, MUST
19	INCLUDE PERSONS FROM THROUGHOUT THE STATE AND MUST REFLECT THE
20	ETHNIC DIVERSITY OF THE STATE. THE TASK FORCE CONSISTS OF THE
21	FOLLOWING MEMBERS:
22	(a) THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE STATE DEPARTMENT OR HIS
23	OR HER DESIGNEE;
24	(b) THE CHILD PROTECTION OMBUDSMAN, APPOINTED PURSUANT
25	TO SECTION 19-3.3-102;
26	(c) AN ATTORNEY WHO IS A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE OFFICE OF
27	THE CHILD'S REPRESENTATIVE CREATED IN SECTION 13-91-104, C.R.S.;

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1	$(d) \ A {\tt N}  {\tt ATTORNEY}  {\tt WHO}  {\tt IS}  {\tt A}  {\tt REPRESENTATIVE}  {\tt OF}  {\tt THE}  {\tt RESPONDENT}$
2	PARENTS' COUNSEL CREATED IN SECTION 13-92-103, C.R.S.;
3	(e) THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR:
4	(I) AN INDIVIDUAL WHO IS A LICENSED PEDIATRICIAN IN THIS
5	STATE WITH PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE WITH CHILD ABUSE OR NEGLECT CASES;
6	(II) A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER OR INVESTIGATOR FROM AN
7	URBAN AREA WHO INVESTIGATES ALLEGATIONS OF CHILD ABUSE OR
8	NEGLECT;
9	(III) A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER OR INVESTIGATOR FROM A
10	RURAL AREA WHO INVESTIGATES ALLEGATIONS OF CHILD ABUSE OR
11	NEGLECT;
12	(IV) A REPRESENTATIVE WHO OVERSEES THE CHILD WELFARE
13	TRAINING ACADEMY CREATED IN SECTION 26-5-109, C.R.S.;
14	(V) AN INDIVIDUAL WHO IS A DIRECTOR OR ADMINISTRATOR OF A
15	COUNTY DEPARTMENT;
16	(VI) AN INDIVIDUAL WHO IS TRAINED AS A SEXUAL ASSAULT
17	NURSE EXAMINER (SANE), AS DEFINED IN SECTION 23-5-143 (2) (d),
18	C.R.S.; AND
19	(VII) A LICENSED CHILD PSYCHIATRIST OR PSYCHOLOGIST WHO
20	WORKS WITH CHILDREN THAT HAVE BEEN ABUSED OR NEGLECTED;
21	$(f) \ \ The \ following \ members \ appointed \ by \ the \ speaker \ of \ the$
22	HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:
23	(I) AN INDIVIDUAL WHO IS A FORENSIC INTERVIEWER WITH AN
24	ACCREDITED CHILD ADVOCACY CENTER WITH EXPERIENCE IN
25	INTERVIEWING CHILDREN THAT HAVE BEEN ABUSED OR NEGLECTED;
26	(II) AN INDIVIDUAL REPRESENTING A STATEWIDE PROFESSIONAL
2.7	SOCIAL WORK ORGANIZATION WHO HOLDS THE DEGREE OF A MASTER OF

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1	SOCIAL WORK WITH EXPERIENCE COUNSELING CHILDREN THAT HAVE
2	EXPERIENCED CHILD ABUSE OR NEGLECT;
3	(III) A CERTIFIED FOSTER PARENT WHO IS CURRENTLY CARING FOR
4	CHILDREN IN FOSTER CARE;
5	(IV) AN INDIVIDUAL WHO REPRESENTS A LAW AND POLICY
6	ADVOCACY GROUP OR CHILD ADVOCACY AGENCY IN THIS STATE; AND
7	(V) AN INDIVIDUAL WHO IS A CASEWORKER FOR A COUNTY
8	DEPARTMENT IN AN URBAN AREA THAT CONDUCTS ASSESSMENTS OF CHILD
9	ABUSE OR NEGLECT CASES;
10	(g) THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS APPOINTED BY THE PRESIDENT OF
11	THE SENATE:
12	(I) A COUNTY ATTORNEY WITH EXPERIENCE IN DEPENDENCY OR
13	NEGLECT CASES;
14	(II) A PERSON REPRESENTING SCHOOLS, SUCH AS A PRINCIPAL,
15	ADMINISTRATOR, OR SCHOOL NURSE;
16	(III) A REPRESENTATIVE OF A NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED LOCAL
17	ORGANIZATION THAT WORKS TO PREVENT AND TREAT CHILD ABUSE OR
18	NEGLECT;
19	(IV) AN INDIVIDUAL WHO SERVES AS A COURT-APPOINTED SPECIAL
20	ADVOCATE (CASA) FOR ABUSED OR NEGLECTED CHILDREN, AS DEFINED
21	IN SECTION 13-91-103 (3), C.R.S.; AND
22	(V) AN INDIVIDUAL WHO IS A CASEWORKER FOR A COUNTY
23	DEPARTMENT IN A RURAL AREA THAT CONDUCTS ASSESSMENTS OF CHILD
24	ABUSE OR NEGLECT CASES.
25	(3) The appointing authorities in subsection (2) of this
26	SECTION SHALL MAKE THEIR INITIAL APPOINTMENTS TO THE TASK FORCE
27	NO LATER THAN SEPTEMBER 1, 2016. EACH MEMBER OF THE TASK FORCE

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1	WHO IS APPOINTED PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (2) OF THIS SECTION SERVES
2	AT THE PLEASURE OF THE APPOINTING AUTHORITY WHO APPOINTED THE
3	MEMBER.
4	(4) The members of the task force serve without
5	COMPENSATION AND WITHOUT REIMBURSEMENT FOR EXPENSES.
6	(5) (a) The executive director of the state department or
7	HIS OR HER DESIGNEE SHALL CONVENE THE FIRST MEETING OF THE TASK
8	FORCE ON OR BEFORE OCTOBER 1, 2016.
9	(b) THE TASK FORCE SHALL ELECT A CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR FROM
10	AMONG ITS MEMBERS.
11	(c) The task force shall meet four to six times per
12	CALENDAR YEAR TO COMPLETE ITS DUTIES.
13	(d) Upon request by the task force, the state department
14	SHALL PROVIDE OFFICE SPACE, EQUIPMENT, AND STAFF SERVICES AS MAY
15	BE NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THIS PART 8.
16	19-3-804. Task force - purposes - issues to study - written
17	reports. (1) The purpose of the task force is to:
18	(a) STUDY AND INVESTIGATE CURRENT LAWS, RULES, AND
19	PRACTICES FOLLOWED IN THE STATE AND BEST PRACTICES IN OTHER
20	STATES REGARDING THE DOCUMENTATION OF EVIDENCE OR THE ABSENCE
21	OF EVIDENCE OF SUSPECTED CHILD ABUSE THROUGH THE COLLECTION AND
22	SECURITY OF DIGITAL IMAGES BY COUNTY EMPLOYEES;
23	(b) Consider whether the statutes and practices
24	CONCERNING THE COLLECTION OF EVIDENCE OF ABUSE OR NEGLECT AND
25	THE USE OF DIGITAL IMAGES ARE CONSISTENT WITH EXISTING
26	TECHNOLOGIES AND EMERGING ELECTRONIC TECHNOLOGIES; AND
27	(c) RECOMMEND THE BEST PRACTICES TO BE USED IN THE

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1	COLLECTION AND SECURITY OF DIGITAL IMAGERY EVIDENCE OF CHILD
2	ABUSE OR NEGLECT.
3	(2) IN CARRYING OUT THE PURPOSES OUTLINED IN SUBSECTION (1)
4	OF THIS SECTION, THE TASK FORCE SHALL INVESTIGATE AND CONSIDER:
5	(a) THE STATUTES, RULES, PRACTICES, AND STANDARDS IN
6	COLORADO, IF ANY, THAT GOVERN:
7	(I) HOW A COUNTY EMPLOYEE WHO HAS OPEN INVOLVEMENT WITH
8	A CHILD TAKES, MAINTAINS, AND DISSEMINATES DIGITAL IMAGES OF A
9	CHILD, INCLUDING THE CHILD'S PRIVATE AREAS, TO DOCUMENT THE ABUSE
10	OR NEGLECT OR THE ABSENCE OF ABUSE OR NEGLECT; AND
11	(II) HOW, IN ANY SITUATION OF OPEN INVOLVEMENT WITH A
12	COUNTY DEPARTMENT, A COUNTY EMPLOYEE TAKES, MAINTAINS, AND
13	DISSEMINATES DIGITAL IMAGES OF A CHILD'S BODY, INCLUDING PRIVATE
14	AREAS.
15	(b) Whether the Criteria or Standards that county
16	EMPLOYEES FOLLOW WHEN DOCUMENTING EVIDENCE OF CHILD ABUSE OR
17	NEGLECT THROUGH DIGITAL IMAGES BALANCE THE NEED TO COLLECT
18	EVIDENCE OF CHILD ABUSE OR NEGLECT WITH THE NEED TO PROTECT THE
19	PRIVACY AND CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS OF BOTH PARENTS AND OF
20	CHILDREN;
21	(c) THE SAFEGUARDS USED BY A COUNTY EMPLOYEE TO ENSURE
22	THE BEST INTERESTS OF CHILDREN WHEN DOCUMENTING EVIDENCE OF
23	CHILD ABUSE OR NEGLECT THROUGH DIGITAL IMAGERY;
24	(d) THE ROLE OF LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES IN CONDUCTING A
25	CHILD ABUSE OR NEGLECT ASSESSMENT OR INVESTIGATION JOINTLY WITH
26	COUNTY DEPARTMENTS PURSUANT TO COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS
27	IMPLEMENTED PURSUANT TO SECTION 19-3-308 (5.5) AND WHETHER THERE

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1	ARE BEST PRACTICES THAT HAVE BEEN DEVELOPED THROUGH
2	COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS RELATING TO THE COLLECTION, SHARING, AND
3	HANDLING OF DIGITAL IMAGES;
4	(e) HOW COUNTY DEPARTMENTS, LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES,
5	AND MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS COLLABORATE DURING ASSESSMENTS OR
6	INVESTIGATIONS OF SUSPECTED CHILD ABUSE OR NEGLECT TO COLLECT,
7	TRANSMIT, AND SHARE EVIDENCE, INCLUDING DIGITAL IMAGES, WITHOUT
8	SLOWING DOWN THE PROCESS AND WHILE ENSURING THAT THERE IS NO
9	IMPEDIMENT TO THE CHILD'S SAFETY;
10	(f) Whether Section 19-3-306, regarding the taking of
11	COLOR PHOTOGRAPHS OF CHILDREN, SHOULD BE AMENDED TO INCLUDE
12	ALL TYPES OF DIGITAL IMAGES AND WHAT PRECAUTIONS SHOULD BE
13	TAKEN REGARDING THE TRANSMISSION AND STORAGE OF DIGITAL IMAGES
14	OF CHILDREN;
15	(g) THE STATUTES, RULES, AND POLICIES THAT GOVERN THE
16	TAKING OF DIGITAL IMAGES OF CHILDREN'S BODIES, INCLUDING PRIVATE
17	AREAS, ON PERSONAL OR COUNTY-OWNED CELL PHONES, CAMERAS,
18	DEVICES, OR OTHER EQUIPMENT THAT CAN BE USED TO TAKE DIGITAL
19	IMAGES, AND THE SAFEGUARDS IN PLACE TO GUIDE COUNTY EMPLOYEES
20	ON HOW TO TAKE, MAINTAIN, AND DISSEMINATE DIGITAL IMAGES;
21	(h) THE STATUTES, RULES, AND POLICIES THAT GOVERN THE
22	AUDIOTAPING AND VIDEOTAPING OF A CHILD INTERVIEW AND THE
23	STORAGE AND MAINTAINING OF THOSE CHILD INTERVIEWS; AND
24	(i) The best practices followed in other states or
25	RECOMMENDED BY NATIONAL CHILD WELFARE EXPERTS FOR CHILD
26	WELFARE CASEWORKERS TO FOLLOW WHEN COLLECTING EVIDENCE OF
27	SUSPECTED CHILD ABUSE OR NEGLECT THROUGH DIGITAL IMAGERY TO

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1 DOCUMENT EVIDENCE OR ABSENCE OF EVIDENCE OF CHILD ABUSE OR

- 2 NEGLECT; COLLABORATING WITH AND SHARING IN THE DISSEMINATION OF
- 3 EVIDENCE WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES, MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS,
- 4 AND ANY OTHER AGENCIES LEGALLY AUTHORIZED IN THE INVESTIGATION
- 5 OF CHILD ABUSE OR NEGLECT; REFERRING A CHILD FOR MEDICAL
- 6 EXAMINATIONS; AND MAINTAINING, STORING, AND SAFEGUARDING
- 7 DIGITAL IMAGES OF CHILDREN.

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- 8 (3) BASED ON THE STUDY OF THE ISSUES OUTLINED IN SUBSECTION
- 9 (2) OF THIS SECTION, THE TASK FORCE SHOULD DEVELOP
- 10 RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGES THAT THE COUNTY
- DEPARTMENTS AND THE STATE DEPARTMENT SHOULD UNDERTAKE AND
- 12 DEVELOP SPECIFIC RECOMMENDATIONS FOR LEGISLATION, IF ANY.
- 13 (4) ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 1, 2017, THE TASK FORCE SHALL 14 SUBMIT AN INITIAL WRITTEN REPORT ON ITS FINDINGS AND PROGRESS TO 15 THE GOVERNOR; THE STATE DEPARTMENT; THE CHILD WELFARE TRAINING 16 ACADEMY; THE COLORADO ASSOCIATION OF CHIEFS OF POLICE; THE 17 COUNTY SHERIFFS OF COLORADO; THE COLORADO MEDICAL SOCIETY; THE 18 JOINT BUDGET COMMITTEE; AND THE PUBLIC HEALTH CARE AND HUMAN 19 SERVICES COMMITTEE OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND THE 20 HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE OF THE SENATE, OR ANY 21 SUCCESSOR COMMITTEES. ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 1, 2018, THE TASK 22 FORCE SHALL SUBMIT A FINAL WRITTEN REPORT TO THE GOVERNOR; THE 23 STATE DEPARTMENT; THE CHILD WELFARE TRAINING ACADEMY; THE 24 COLORADO ASSOCIATION OF CHIEFS OF POLICE; THE COUNTY SHERIFFS OF 25 COLORADO; THE COLORADO MEDICAL SOCIETY; THE JOINT BUDGET 26 COMMITTEE; AND THE PUBLIC HEALTH CARE AND HUMAN SERVICES

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1 HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE OF THE SENATE, OR ANY SUCCESSOR 2 COMMITTEES. THE FINAL REPORT MUST INCLUDE, BUT NEED NOT BE 3 LIMITED TO, THE TASK FORCE'S FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR 4 CHANGES IN ADMINISTRATIVE RULES AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR 5 LEGISLATION, IF NECESSARY. 6 **19-3-805. Repeal of part.** This part 8 is repealed, effective JULY 1, 2019. 7 8 **SECTION 2. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds, 9 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate

preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.

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