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HOUSE BILL 04-1030

HOUSE SPONSORSHIP

Frangas, Boyd, Johnson R., Stafford, and Tochtrop

SENATE SPONSORSHIP

Hanna, Hagedorn, Kester, and Sandoval

House Committees

Health, Environment, Welfare, & Institutions
Appropriations

Senate Committees

A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING THE EVALUATION OF THE COLORADO WORKS PROGRAM,**
102 **AND MAKING AN APPROPRIATION IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.**

Bill Summary

(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not necessarily reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted.)

Welfare Oversight Committee. Modifies the evaluation component of the Colorado works program and continues the evaluation for 5 years.

Makes an appropriation.

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

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.*

1 **SECTION 1.** 26-2-723, Colorado Revised Statutes, is
2 REPEALED AND REENACTED, WITH AMENDMENTS, to read:

3 **26-2-723. Evaluation - state department - repeal.** (1) THE
4 STATE DEPARTMENT SHALL OVERSEE THE ADMINISTRATION OF AN ANNUAL
5 INDEPENDENT EVALUATION OF THE WORKS PROGRAM PURSUANT TO THIS
6 SECTION. THE EVALUATION SHALL TRACK KEY OUTCOMES STATEWIDE AND
7 WITHIN DIFFERENT REGIONS IN THE STATE. THE STATE DEPARTMENT SHALL
8 USE THE EVALUATION AS A PROGRAM IMPROVEMENT TOOL TO ASSESS THE
9 EFFECTIVENESS AND COST EFFICIENCY OF DIFFERENT APPROACHES BY THE
10 COUNTIES TO THE WORKS PROGRAM AND THE PROGRAM SERVICES
11 PROVIDED. THE STATE DEPARTMENT, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE
12 ADVISORY COMMITTEE APPOINTED PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (4) OF THIS
13 SECTION, SHALL REPORT ANNUALLY TO THE HEALTH, ENVIRONMENT,
14 WELFARE, AND INSTITUTIONS COMMITTEES OF THE HOUSE OF
15 REPRESENTATIVES AND THE SENATE REGARDING THE PROGRESS AND
16 FINDINGS OF THE EVALUATION.

17 (2) (a) THE PURPOSE OF THE INDEPENDENT EVALUATION SHALL BE
18 TO OBTAIN SYSTEMATIC DATA ON THE OUTCOMES RESULTING FROM THE
19 WORKS PROGRAM, INCLUDING THE FULL RANGE OF SERVICES AND BENEFITS
20 PROVIDED IN THE WORKS PROGRAM. THE OUTCOMES SHALL INCLUDE, BUT
21 NEED NOT BE LIMITED TO THE FOLLOWING:

22 (I) THE CHARACTERISTICS OF FAMILIES RECEIVING CASH
23 ASSISTANCE AND OTHER SERVICES IN THE WORKS PROGRAM, INCLUDING
24 SERVICES RECEIVED AND WORK ACTIVITIES PARTICIPATED IN AND THE
25 LENGTH OF THAT PARTICIPATION;

26 (II) THE AVAILABILITY OF APPROPRIATE SERVICES TO ENABLE
27 FAMILIES TO MOVE OFF CASH ASSISTANCE INTO EMPLOYMENT AND

1 TOWARD LONG-TERM SELF-SUFFICIENCY;

2 (III) THE WELL-BEING OF CHILDREN IN FAMILIES WHO RECEIVE
3 CASH ASSISTANCE OR IN FAMILIES WHO ARE NO LONGER RECEIVING CASH
4 ASSISTANCE;

5 (IV) THE NUMBER OF FAMILIES WHO NO LONGER RECEIVE CASH
6 ASSISTANCE DUE TO INCOME EARNED THROUGH EMPLOYMENT OR DUE TO
7 OTHER REASONS;

8 (V) THE EARNINGS OF FAMILIES WHO LEAVE THE WORKS
9 PROGRAM;

10 (VI) THE NUMBER OF PARENTS WHO LEAVE THE WORKS PROGRAM
11 WHO REMAIN EMPLOYED;

12 (VII) THE NUMBER OF FAMILIES WHO RETURN TO CASH
13 ASSISTANCE;

14 (VIII) THE NUMBER OF FORMER PARTICIPANTS WHO ARE MOVING
15 TO LONG-TERM SELF-SUFFICIENCY;

16 (IX) THE IMPACT OF THE WORKS PROGRAM ON COLORADO'S
17 MEDICAID, CHILD CARE, AND CHILD WELFARE PROGRAMS; AND

18 (X) THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE WORKS PROGRAM IN PROVIDING
19 SERVICES AND BENEFITS TO FAMILIES TO HELP THEM MOVE TO LONG-TERM
20 SELF-SUFFICIENCY.

21 (b) THE EVALUATION SHALL REPORT ON THESE OUTCOMES FOR THE
22 STATE AS A WHOLE AND FOR THE REGIONS WITHIN THE STATE. THE STATE
23 DEPARTMENT SHALL IDENTIFY REGIONS BASED ON GEOGRAPHY AND
24 SIMILARITIES IN ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL CHARACTERISTICS.

25 (c) THE EVALUATION SHALL IDENTIFY APPROACHES THAT HAVE
26 BEEN DEVELOPED AND IMPLEMENTED TO ADDRESS CHALLENGES FACING
27 PARTICIPANTS IN THE WORKS PROGRAM AND SHALL PROVIDE ANALYSES OF

1 THE EFFECTIVENESS AND COST EFFICIENCY OF THESE APPROACHES.

2 (d) THE EVALUATION SHALL NOT BE DUPLICATIVE OF THE STATE
3 DEPARTMENT'S MONITORING AND OVERSIGHT RESPONSIBILITIES PURSUANT
4 TO SECTION 26-2-712 NOR SHALL THE EVALUATION SEEK TO ADDRESS ANY
5 INDIVIDUAL COUNTY'S PERFORMANCE CONTRACT WITH THE STATE
6 DEPARTMENT. [REDACTED]

7 (e) THE STATE DEPARTMENT SHALL PROVIDE ANY NECESSARY
8 TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO THE COUNTIES FOR THE PURPOSE OF THE
9 EVALUATION.

10 (f) THE STATE DEPARTMENT AND THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE,
11 ESTABLISHED IN SUBSECTION (4) OF THIS SECTION, MAY ATTACH
12 COMMENTS TO EACH FINAL EVALUATION.

13 (g) NO LATER THAN AUGUST 31 OF EACH YEAR, THE STATE
14 DEPARTMENT SHALL DEVELOP AN ANNUAL EVALUATION PLAN SPECIFYING
15 THE EVALUATION'S SCOPE OF WORK.

16 (3) (a) NO LATER THAN SEPTEMBER 30, 2004, THE STATE
17 DEPARTMENT SHALL ISSUE A REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR A PUBLIC OR
18 PRIVATE ENTITY TO CONDUCT THE EVALUATION. THE REQUEST FOR
19 PROPOSALS SHALL ENCOURAGE BIDS THAT INCLUDE PARTICIPATION BY
20 STATE-SUPPORTED AND PRIVATE INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION IN
21 COLORADO. THE REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS SHALL ALLOW FOR
22 SUBCONTRACTING OF WORK UNDER THE CONTRACT WITH THE APPROVAL
23 OF THE STATE DEPARTMENT. THE PRIMARY CONTRACTOR SHALL BE
24 RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL WORK DONE UNDER THE CONTRACT.

25 (b) THE EVALUATION DATA COLLECTED PURSUANT TO THIS
26 SECTION SHALL BE PUBLIC INFORMATION. THE STATE DEPARTMENT SHALL
27 REQUIRE THE EVALUATION CONTRACTOR TO IMPLEMENT SUITABLE

1 MEASURES TO PROTECT THE CONFIDENTIALITY OF EACH COLORADO WORKS
2 PARTICIPANT.

3 (4) (a) THE STATE DEPARTMENT SHALL SEEK THE INPUT OF AN
4 INDEPENDENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ALL STAGES OF THE EVALUATION,
5 INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO:

6 (I) DEVELOPING THE REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS;

7 (II) SELECTING THE CONTRACTORS WHO CARRY OUT THE
8 EVALUATION, INCLUDING APPROVING SUBCONTRACTORS IDENTIFIED AFTER
9 THE CONTRACT IS AWARDED;

10 (III) DEVELOPING THE SCOPE OF WORK FOR EACH YEAR OF THE
11 EVALUATION;

12 (IV) COMMENTING ON DRAFT REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS
13 SUBMITTED BY THE CONTRACTORS;

14 (V) DEVELOPING RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ADMINISTRATIVE OR
15 LEGISLATIVE ACTIONS BASED ON THE FINDINGS OF THE EVALUATION.

16 (b) THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SHALL APPOINT THE ADVISORY
17 COMMITTEE, WHICH AT A MINIMUM SHALL INCLUDE REPRESENTATIVES
18 FROM A STATEWIDE ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES, REPRESENTATIVES OF
19 COUNTIES NOT REPRESENTED BY A STATEWIDE ASSOCIATION,
20 REPRESENTATIVES OF ADVOCATE GROUPS, AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.

21 (c) THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SHALL APPOINT THE CHAIR OF THE
22 ADVISORY COMMITTEE AFTER CONSULTATION WITH THE CHAIRPERSONS OF
23 THE HEALTH, ENVIRONMENT, WELFARE, AND INSTITUTIONS COMMITTEES
24 OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND THE SENATE. THE CHAIRPERSONS
25 OF THE HEALTH, ENVIRONMENT, WELFARE, AND INSTITUTIONS COMMITTEES
26 OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND THE SENATE, OR THE
27 CHAIRPERSONS' DESIGNEE, SHALL BE EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS OF THE

1 ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

2 (d) MEMBERS OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE SHALL RECEIVE ALL
3 DRAFT FINAL REPORTS FROM THE EVALUATION CONTRACTORS.

4 (e) ALL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETINGS SHALL BE OPEN TO THE
5 PUBLIC.

6 (5) THIS SECTION IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2009.

7 **SECTION 2. Appropriation.** In addition to any other
8 appropriation, there is hereby appropriated, to the department of human
9 services, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2004, the sum of five
10 hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000), or so much thereof as may be
11 necessary, for the implementation of this act. Said sum shall be from
12 federal temporary assistance for needy families block grant funds.

13 **SECTION 3. Effective date.** This act shall take effect July 1,
14 2004.

15 **SECTION 4. Effective date.** This act shall take effect at 12:01
16 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the ninety-day period after
17 final adjournment of the general assembly that is allowed for submitting
18 a referendum petition pursuant to article V, section 1 (3) of the state
19 constitution (August 4, 2004, if adjournment sine die is on May 5, 2004);
20 except that, if a referendum petition is filed against this act or an item,
21 section, or part of this act within such period, then the act, item, section,
22 or part, if approved by the people, shall take effect on the date of the
23 official declaration of the vote thereon by proclamation of the governor.