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SENATE BILL 13-198

SENATE SPONSORSHIP

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HOUSE SPONSORSHIP

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Senate Committees
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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING CLOSING A COURT TO THE PUBLIC WHEN SEXUALLY**
102 **EXPLOITATIVE MATERIAL RELATED TO A SPECIFIC CHILD IS**
103 **BEING PRESENTED AS EVIDENCE.**

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 provides a court with the option to close the court to the public, when it is in the best interest of a child, when images of sexually exploitative materials or forensic interviews directly related to that child are being presented as evidence in court and the child or forensic

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.*

interviewer is on the witness stand.

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 16-10-403 as
3 follows:

4 **16-10-403. Option to close court.** THE COURT MAY, IF IT
5 DETERMINES THAT THE BEST INTEREST OF A CHILD IN A CLOSED
6 PROCEEDING OVERRIDES THE PUBLIC INTEREST IN AN OPEN CRIMINAL
7 PROCEEDING, == == CLOSE THE COURT TO THE PUBLIC WHEN IMAGES OF
8 SEXUALLY EXPLOITATIVE MATERIALS OR FORENSIC INTERVIEWS DIRECTLY
9 RELATED TO SAID CHILD ARE BEING PRESENTED AS EVIDENCE IN COURT
10 AND THE CHILD OR THE FORENSIC INTERVIEWER IS ON THE WITNESS STAND.

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