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SENATE BILL 21-014

SENATE SPONSORSHIP

Kirkmeyer,

HOUSE SPONSORSHIP

(None),

Senate Committees
Health & Human Services

House Committees

A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING CHANGES TO ALLOCATION FORMULAS FOR THE
102 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://leg.colorado.gov>.)

The bill allows the state department of human services (state department), along with the child care allocation workgroup, to consider a utilization factor. This utilization factor would enable the state department to consider the volume of the eligible population and the service delivery cost to each county department of human or social services (county department) when allocating and distributing money for

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.
Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material to be added to existing statute.
Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.

the Colorado child care assistance program (CCCAP). The bill further allows a county department to set its own eligibility levels for CCCAP, expressed as a percentage of the federal poverty level.

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 26-2-804, **amend** (1);
3 and **add** (3.5) as follows:

4 **26-2-804. Funding - allocation - maintenance of effort - rules.**

5 (1) Starting with the 2018-19 state fiscal year, or when the rules required
6 by subsection (2)(a) of this section are established, whichever is later, and
7 subject to available appropriations, ~~annually~~ the state department shall
8 ANNUALLY establish the amount of each county's block grant for CCCAP.
9 The block grant ~~shall~~ MUST be based upon each county's percentage of the
10 estimated total number of children FINANCIALLY eligible to participate in
11 CCCAP, AND, WITHIN EACH COUNTY, THE AVERAGE OF THE THREE
12 PREVIOUS YEARS OF DAYS PAID FOR FAMILIES THAT ARE AT OR UNDER ONE
13 HUNDRED EIGHTY-FIVE PERCENT OF THE FEDERAL POVERTY LEVEL, times
14 the appropriate reimbursement rate for each county as determined by the
15 state required by section 26-2-803. Counties are only required to spend
16 the state CCCAP allocation and the maintenance of effort for that
17 allocation.

18 (3.5) STARTING AFTER THE 2020-21 STATE FISCAL YEAR, A
19 COUNTY THAT MEETS OR EXCEEDS STATEWIDE ELIGIBILITY EXPECTATIONS
20 ESTABLISHED FOR CCCAP MUST BE ALLOWED ADDITIONAL FLEXIBILITY
21 IN DETERMINING THE ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR THE CCCAP PROGRAM
22 WITHIN THAT COUNTY.

23 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 26-2-805, **amend** (1)
24 as follows:

1 **26-2-805. Services - eligibility - assistance provided - waiting**
2 **lists - rules - exceptions from cooperating with child support**
3 **establishment.** (1) Subject to available appropriations and pursuant to
4 rules promulgated by the state board for the implementation of this part
5 8, a county shall provide child care assistance to a participant or any
6 person or family whose income is not more than one hundred eighty-five
7 percent of the federal poverty level. Subject to available appropriations
8 and only as necessary to comply with federal law, the state board may
9 adjust the percentage of the federal poverty level used to determine child
10 care assistance eligibility by promulgating a rule THAT IS CONSISTENT
11 WITH SECTION 26-2-804 (3.5).

12 **SECTION 3. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,
13 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate
14 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety.