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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING INCREASING ACCESS TO SCHOOL-BASED HEALTH CARE.

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>.)

For purposes of the school-based health center grant program (grant program), the bill expands the definition of a school-based health center and the purposes of the grant program to authorize grants for evidence-informed, school-linked health-care services. Services may include primary health-care, behavioral health-care, oral health-care, and preventive health-care services.

School-linked health-care services may be delivered through telehealth, mobile services, and referrals for health-care services at a

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clinic near school grounds.

Subject to available appropriations, the bill authorizes grant money to be directed to evidence-informed, school-linked models to expand access to school-based health care, unless the prevention services division in the department of public health and environment determines that adequate proposals have not been submitted for the grant cycle.

The bill also requires the department of health care policy and financing to create a service-location identifier for claims for services provided at school-based health centers or through school-linked health-care services.

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 25-20.5-501, **amend**
3 (1) introductory portion; and **add** (1)(e) and (1)(f) as follows:

4 **25-20.5-501. Legislative declaration.** (1) The general assembly
5 **hereby** finds that:

6 (e) FOR STUDENTS FROM POPULATIONS PRIMARILY SERVED
7 THROUGH SCHOOL-BASED HEALTH CENTERS WHO DO NOT HAVE ACCESS TO
8 SCHOOL-BASED HEALTH CARE, INCREASING ACCESS TO SCHOOL-LINKED
9 HEALTH-CARE SERVICES WILL HELP IMPROVE HEALTH OUTCOMES FOR
10 THESE MEDICALLY UNDERSERVED STUDENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES; AND

11 (f) SCHOOL-BASED HEALTH CENTERS AND SCHOOL-LINKED
12 HEALTH-CARE SERVICES COMPLEMENT EXISTING SCHOOL HEALTH
13 SERVICES AND SCHOOL NURSING PROGRAMS.

14 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **amend** 25-20.5-502
15 as follows:

16 **25-20.5-502. Definitions.** As used in this part 5, unless the
17 context otherwise requires:

18 (1) "School-based health center" means a clinic established ~~and~~
19 ~~operated~~ within a public school building, including charter schools and
20 state-sanctioned high school equivalency examination programs

1 associated with a school district, ~~or~~ on public school property by the
2 school district, OR THROUGH SCHOOL-LINKED HEALTH-CARE SERVICES.
3 School-based health centers are operated, ~~by~~ IN PARTNERSHIP WITH school
4 districts, ~~in cooperation with~~ BY MEDICAL ENTITIES, INCLUDING hospitals,
5 public or private health-care organizations, licensed medical providers,
6 public health nurses, community health centers, and community mental
7 health centers. The term "school-based health center" includes clinics or
8 facilities authorized to provide clinic services pursuant to section
9 25.5-5-301 ~~C.R.S.~~, or authorized to apply for and receive medical
10 assistance payments under a contract entered into pursuant to section
11 25.5-5-318 ~~C.R.S.~~ OR SCHOOL-LINKED HEALTH-CARE SERVICES.

12 (2) "SCHOOL-LINKED HEALTH-CARE SERVICES" MEANS PRIMARY
13 HEALTH-CARE SERVICES, BEHAVIORAL HEALTH-CARE SERVICES, ORAL
14 HEALTH-CARE SERVICES, OR PREVENTIVE HEALTH-CARE SERVICES.
15 SCHOOL-LINKED HEALTH-CARE SERVICES MAY BE DELIVERED THROUGH
16 TELEHEALTH, MOBILE SERVICES, OR REFERRALS FOR HEALTH-CARE
17 SERVICES AT A CLINIC LOCATED NEAR SCHOOL GROUNDS.

18 **SECTION 3.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 25-20.5-503, **amend**
19 (2)(a) and (3) introductory portion as follows:

20 **25-20.5-503. School-based health center grant program -**
21 **creation - funding - grants.** (2) (a) (I) Operators of school-based health
22 centers may apply for grants for the benefit of school-based health
23 centers. The grant program shall provide grants for school-based health
24 centers selected by the division. The division, in consultation with
25 school-based health centers, shall develop criteria under which the grants
26 are distributed and evaluated. In developing the criteria for grants, the
27 division shall give priority to centers that serve a disproportionate number

1 of uninsured children, ~~or~~ a low-income population, or both. ~~and~~ THE
2 DIVISION may award grants to: Establish new school-based health centers;
3 ~~to~~ expand primary health services, behavioral health services, including
4 education, intervention, and prevention services for opioid, alcohol, and
5 marijuana, and other substance use disorders, or oral ~~health~~ HEALTH-CARE
6 services offered by existing school-based health centers; ~~to~~ expand
7 enrollment in the children's basic health plan; ~~or to~~ provide support for
8 ongoing operations of school-based health centers; OR PROVIDE SUPPORT
9 FOR INNOVATIONS IN SCHOOL-BASED HEALTH CARE, INCLUDING
10 SCHOOL-LINKED HEALTH-CARE SERVICES.

11 (II) SUBJECT TO AVAILABLE APPROPRIATIONS, MONEY AWARDED
12 THROUGH THE GRANT PROGRAM MAY ALSO BE DIRECTED TO
13 EVIDENCE-INFORMED SCHOOL-LINKED HEALTH-CARE SERVICES MODELS,
14 INCLUDING TELEHEALTH SERVICES AND MOBILE HEALTH UNITS, TO EXPAND
15 ACCESS TO PRIMARY HEALTH-CARE SERVICES, BEHAVIORAL HEALTH-CARE
16 SERVICES, ORAL HEALTH-CARE SERVICES, AND PREVENTIVE HEALTH-CARE
17 SERVICES, UNLESS THE DIVISION DETERMINES THAT ADEQUATE
18 SCHOOL-LINKED HEALTH-CARE SERVICES PROPOSALS HAVE NOT BEEN
19 SUBMITTED FOR THE GRANT CYCLE.

20 (III) ~~None of the grants shall be awarded~~ THE DIVISION SHALL NOT
21 AWARD GRANTS to provide abortion services in violation of section 50 of
22 article V of the state constitution.

23 (3) The division shall ENGAGE WITH AND ASSIST COMMUNITIES
24 INTERESTED IN BECOMING GRANTEEES AND SHALL CONSIDER HOW TO
25 SUPPORT IMPROVING ACCESS TO SCHOOL-BASED HEALTH CARE. THE
26 DIVISION SHALL specify and provide to potential grant recipients the
27 following information:

1 **SECTION 4.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 25.5-1-128, **add** (1.5)
2 as follows:

3 **25.5-1-128. Provider payments - compliance with state fiscal**
4 **requirements - definitions - rules.** (1.5) THE STATE DEPARTMENT SHALL
5 CREATE A SERVICE-LOCATION IDENTIFIER FOR CLAIMS FOR SERVICES
6 PROVIDED AT A SCHOOL-BASED HEALTH CENTER OR THROUGH
7 SCHOOL-LINKED HEALTH-CARE SERVICES, PURSUANT TO SECTION
8 25-20.5-503.

9 **SECTION 5. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act
10 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the
11 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly; except
12 that, if a referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V
13 of the state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this
14 act within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take
15 effect unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in
16 November 2024 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the
17 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.