

HOUSE COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE REPORT

	March 19, 2025
Chair of Committee	Date

Committee on Health & Human Services.

After consideration on the merits, the Committee recommends the following:

HB25-1271 be amended as follows, and as so amended, be referred to the Committee on Appropriations with favorable recommendation:

1 Amend printed bill, strike everything below the enacting clause and
2 substitute:

3 "SECTION 1. In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 19-7-105 as
4 follows:

5 **19-7-105. Federal benefits for children and youth in foster**
6 **care - rules - definitions - legislative intent - legislative declaration. (1)**

7 (a) THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FINDS AND DECLARES THAT:

8 (I) THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT PROVIDES VARIOUS BENEFITS AND
9 RESOURCES TO PROMOTE THE WELL-BEING, EDUCATION, HEALTH, AND
10 SAFETY OF CHILDREN OR YOUTH IN FOSTER CARE;

11 (II) IN ADDITION TO THEIR NEEDS AND CIRCUMSTANCES MAKING
12 THEM ELIGIBLE FOR BENEFITS, CHILDREN OR YOUTH IN FOSTER CARE OFTEN
13 FACE SIGNIFICANT CHALLENGES, INCLUDING INSTABILITY IN LIVING
14 ARRANGEMENTS, LACK OF FINANCIAL RESOURCES, AND LIMITED ACCESS
15 TO LONG-TERM CARE AND SUPPORT;

16 (III) FEDERAL BENEFITS ARE OFTEN ALLOCATED TO SUPPORT
17 PLACEMENT OF CHILDREN IN THE FOSTER CARE SYSTEM; HOWEVER,
18 FEDERAL BENEFIT FUNDS ARE NOT ALWAYS DIRECTLY ALLOCATED FOR THE
19 PERSONAL USE AND NEEDS OF INDIVIDUAL CHILDREN OR YOUTH IN FOSTER
20 CARE;

21 (IV) INDIVIDUALIZED ALLOCATION OF FEDERAL BENEFITS IS
22 CRITICAL FOR ADDRESSING THE SPECIFIC NEEDS AND CIRCUMSTANCES OF
23 EACH CHILD OR YOUTH IN FOSTER CARE, PROVIDING THEM WITH THE
24 RESOURCES NECESSARY TO PROMOTE HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND
25 LONG-TERM SUCCESS; AND

26 (V) INDIVIDUALIZED ALLOCATION OF FEDERAL BENEFITS IS
27 CONSISTENT WITH THE POLICY OF THE STATE OF COLORADO TO PRIORITIZE

1 THE NEEDS OF CHILDREN OR YOUTH IN FOSTER CARE, PARTICULARLY THEIR
2 FINANCIAL SECURITY AND INDEPENDENCE, AS THEY TRANSITION TO
3 ADULTHOOD OR REUNIFICATION WITH FAMILIES.

4 (b) THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FURTHER FINDS AND DECLARES THAT
5 THE INTENT OF THIS SECTION IS TO ENSURE THAT FEDERAL BENEFITS
6 PROVIDED TO CHILDREN OR YOUTH IN FOSTER CARE ARE SET ASIDE
7 SPECIFICALLY FOR THE USE OF INDIVIDUAL CHILDREN OR YOUTH IN FOSTER
8 CARE, THEREBY:

9 (I) ENABLING CHILDREN OR YOUTH IN FOSTER CARE TO ACCESS
10 BENEFITS DIRECTLY FOR THEIR PERSONAL CARE, EDUCATION, AND
11 WELFARE;

12 (II) HELPING TO MITIGATE THE EFFECTS OF INSTABILITY BY GIVING
13 CHILDREN OR YOUTH IN FOSTER CARE ACCESS TO THE RESOURCES THEY
14 NEED TO THRIVE IN THEIR CURRENT FOSTER CARE ENVIRONMENT OR
15 TRANSITION TO INDEPENDENCE; AND

16 (III) PROVIDING TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY IN THE USE
17 OF FEDERAL BENEFITS, ENSURING THAT CHILDREN OR YOUTH IN FOSTER
18 CARE RECEIVE THE FULL SUPPORT INTENDED FOR THEIR UNIQUE NEEDS.

19 (c) IT IS THE INTENT OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO CREATE A
20 SYSTEM IN WHICH ALL FEDERAL BENEFITS ARE NOT GENERALIZED OR
21 POOLED FOR INSTITUTIONAL PURPOSES, BUT ARE INDIVIDUALLY
22 ALLOCATED AND PROTECTED FOR THE DIRECT USE OF EACH CHILD OR
23 YOUTH IN THE FOSTER CARE SYSTEM. IT IS FURTHER THE INTENT OF THE
24 GENERAL ASSEMBLY THAT:

25 (I) FEDERAL BENEFITS, WHICH ARE THE LEGAL ENTITLEMENT OF
26 INDIVIDUAL CHILDREN AND YOUTH, NOT BE USED TO COVER THE COSTS OF
27 CARE THAT THE STATE AND COUNTIES OF COLORADO ARE LEGALLY
28 REQUIRED TO COVER;

29 (II) FEDERAL BENEFIT FUNDS BE MANAGED AND DISTRIBUTED WITH
30 OVERSIGHT TO ENSURE THAT THEY ARE USED SOLELY FOR THE BENEFIT
31 AND ADVANCEMENT OF AN INDIVIDUAL CHILD OR YOUTH'S WELL-BEING
32 AND DEVELOPMENT; AND

33 (III) FEDERAL RESOURCES BE ALLOCATED TO PRIORITIZE THE
34 PERSONAL RIGHTS AND NEEDS OF INDIVIDUAL CHILDREN OR YOUTH IN
35 FOSTER CARE, AFFORDING THEM THE OPPORTUNITIES AND STABILITY
36 NECESSARY TO SUCCEED, REGARDLESS OF THEIR STATUS IN THE FOSTER
37 CARE SYSTEM.

38 (2) AS USED IN THIS SECTION, UNLESS THE CONTEXT OTHERWISE
39 REQUIRES:

40 (a) "FEDERAL BENEFITS" MEANS SURVIVOR BENEFITS THAT ARE
41 ADMINISTERED BY THE UNITED STATES SOCIAL SECURITY
42 ADMINISTRATION, VETERANS BENEFITS ADMINISTRATION, OR THE
43 RAILROAD RETIREMENT BOARD AND THAT ARE BASED ON THE ELIGIBILITY

1 OF AN INSURED PARENT.

2 (b) "INTERESTED PARTY" MEANS A CHILD OR YOUTH; THE CHILD'S
3 OR YOUTH'S COUNSEL FOR YOUTH; A PARENT AND THE PARENT'S COUNSEL,
4 UNLESS PARENTAL RIGHTS HAVE BEEN TERMINATED OR THERE IS A COURT
5 ORDER RESTRICTING ACCESS; THE INDIVIDUAL WITH WHOM THE CHILD OR
6 YOUTH IS CURRENTLY PLACED; THE GUARDIAN AD LITEM; OR OTHER PARTY
7 WHO MAY HAVE INFORMATION ABOUT THE CHILD'S OR YOUTH'S
8 ELIGIBILITY FOR OR RECEIPT OF FEDERAL BENEFITS.

9 (3) (a) BEGINNING ON OR BEFORE JULY 1, 2026, A COUNTY
10 DEPARTMENT SHALL, WITHIN NINETY DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF
11 PLACEMENT OF A CHILD OR YOUTH INTO THE LEGAL CUSTODY OR UNDER
12 THE LEGAL AUTHORITY OF THE COUNTY DEPARTMENT, DETERMINE
13 WHETHER EACH CHILD OR YOUTH IS RECEIVING FEDERAL BENEFITS.

14 (b) BEGINNING ON OR BEFORE JULY 1, 2026, A COUNTY
15 DEPARTMENT SHALL, WITHIN NINETY DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF
16 PLACEMENT OF A CHILD OR YOUTH INTO THE LEGAL CUSTODY OR UNDER
17 THE LEGAL AUTHORITY OF THE COUNTY DEPARTMENT, DETERMINE
18 WHETHER EACH CHILD OR YOUTH WHO IS NOT RECEIVING FEDERAL
19 BENEFITS MAY BE ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE FEDERAL BENEFITS. IF THE
20 COUNTY DEPARTMENT MAKES AN INITIAL DETERMINATION THAT THE
21 CHILD OR YOUTH IS NOT LIKELY TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR FEDERAL BENEFITS,
22 THE COUNTY DEPARTMENT SHALL ANNUALLY REVIEW THE CASE OF THE
23 CHILD OR YOUTH TO DETERMINE WHETHER CIRCUMSTANCES HAVE
24 CHANGED TO MAKE THE CHILD OR YOUTH ELIGIBLE FOR FEDERAL
25 BENEFITS.

26 (c) IN CONDUCTING AN INITIAL BENEFIT ELIGIBILITY
27 DETERMINATION OR AN ANNUAL REVIEW PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTION
28 (3), THE COUNTY DEPARTMENT SHALL CONSULT WITH INTERESTED
29 PARTIES.

30 (d) IF THE COUNTY DEPARTMENT DETERMINES THAT THE CHILD OR
31 YOUTH MAY BE ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE FEDERAL BENEFITS, THEN THE
32 COUNTY DEPARTMENT SHALL, IN COMPLIANCE WITH ALL APPLICABLE
33 FEDERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS, APPLY FOR THE FEDERAL BENEFITS ON
34 BEHALF OF THE CHILD OR YOUTH.

35 (e) FOLLOWING A DENIAL OF FEDERAL BENEFITS OR OTHER
36 ADVERSE BENEFIT ELIGIBILITY DETERMINATION, THE COUNTY
37 DEPARTMENT SHALL CONSULT WITH INTERESTED PARTIES AND APPEAL THE
38 DENIAL OR ADVERSE DETERMINATION IF DOING SO IS IN THE BEST
39 INTERESTS OF THE CHILD OR YOUTH.

40 (f) IF A CHILD OR YOUTH IS IN A NONCERTIFIED KINSHIP CARE
41 PLACEMENT, AND IF THE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OR NONCERTIFIED KINSHIP
42 CAREGIVER DETERMINES THAT THE CHILD OR YOUTH MAY BE ELIGIBLE FOR
43 FEDERAL BENEFITS, THE COUNTY DEPARTMENT SHALL PROVIDE THE

1 NONCERTIFIED KINSHIP CAREGIVER WITH THE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE
2 NEEDED FOR THE NONCERTIFIED KINSHIP CAREGIVER TO COMPLETE AND
3 SUBMIT A SUCCESSFUL APPLICATION FOR THE FEDERAL BENEFITS ON
4 BEHALF OF THE CHILD OR YOUTH.

5 (4) (a) IF A CHILD OR YOUTH IN THE LEGAL CUSTODY OR UNDER
6 THE LEGAL AUTHORITY OF A COUNTY DEPARTMENT IS ALREADY RECEIVING
7 FEDERAL BENEFITS OR MAY BE ELIGIBLE FOR FEDERAL BENEFITS PURSUANT
8 TO SUBSECTION (3) OF THIS SECTION, THE COUNTY DEPARTMENT SHALL
9 PERFORM AN ASSESSMENT OF POSSIBLE REPRESENTATIVE PAYEES OR
10 FIDUCIARIES. THE COUNTY DEPARTMENT SHALL FOLLOW THE ESTABLISHED
11 CATEGORIES OF PREFERRED PAYEES PURSUANT TO SOCIAL SECURITY OR
12 APPLICABLE FEDERAL GUIDELINES WHEN DETERMINING WHICH POTENTIAL
13 REPRESENTATIVE PAYEE OR FIDUCIARY TO INCLUDE IN AN APPLICATION TO
14 CHANGE THE REPRESENTATIVE PAYEE OR FIDUCIARY, IF THE COUNTY
15 DEPARTMENT DEEMS A CHANGE NECESSARY, OR IN AN APPLICATION FOR
16 FEDERAL BENEFITS. DECISIONS ABOUT WHICH POTENTIAL REPRESENTATIVE
17 PAYEE OR FIDUCIARY TO INCLUDE IN AN APPLICATION MUST BE MADE IN
18 CONSULTATION WITH INTERESTED PARTIES.

19 (b) IF A COUNTY DEPARTMENT PROVIDES A NONCERTIFIED KINSHIP
20 CAREGIVER WITH TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION
21 (3)(f) OF THIS SECTION, THE COUNTY DEPARTMENT MAY PRESUME THAT
22 THE NONCERTIFIED KINSHIP CAREGIVER IS THE APPROPRIATE
23 REPRESENTATIVE PAYEE OR FIDUCIARY IF THE PRESUMPTION IS
24 CONSISTENT WITH ESTABLISHED CATEGORIES OF PREFERRED PAYEES
25 PURSUANT TO SOCIAL SECURITY OR APPLICABLE FEDERAL GUIDELINES.

26 (c) IF THE COUNTY DEPARTMENT BECOMES THE REPRESENTATIVE
27 PAYEE OR FIDUCIARY, THE COUNTY DEPARTMENT SHALL ANNUALLY
28 REASSESS, IN CONSULTATION WITH INTERESTED PARTIES, WHETHER A
29 CANDIDATE OTHER THAN THE COUNTY DEPARTMENT WOULD BETTER
30 SERVE THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE CHILD OR YOUTH AS THE
31 REPRESENTATIVE PAYEE OR FIDUCIARY.

32 (5) (a) BEGINNING ON OR BEFORE JULY 1, 2026, IF A COUNTY
33 DEPARTMENT IS THE REPRESENTATIVE PAYEE OR FIDUCIARY FOR A CHILD
34 OR YOUTH, THE COUNTY DEPARTMENT SHALL:

35 (I) NOT USE ANY FEDERAL BENEFITS OF A CHILD OR YOUTH TO PAY
36 FOR OR REIMBURSE THE COUNTY DEPARTMENT FOR CARE OR SERVICES FOR
37 THE CHILD OR YOUTH, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, FOSTER CARE
38 MAINTENANCE EXPENSES AS DEFINED IN THE FEDERAL "SOCIAL SECURITY
39 ACT", 42 U.S.C. SEC. 675 (4)(A), COST OF CARE AS DEFINED IN SECTION
40 19-1-103, OR ANY SPECIAL ALLOWANCES OR EXPENSES ESTABLISHED BY
41 THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES FOR THE CARE OF A CHILD OR
42 YOUTH IN A PARTICULAR AGE RANGE;

43 (II) ESTABLISH AND MAINTAIN, CONSISTENT WITH FEDERAL AND

1 STATE ASSET AND RESOURCE LIMITS, AN ACCOUNT FOR DEPOSIT OF THE
2 FEDERAL BENEFITS OF A CHILD OR YOUTH. THE ACCOUNT MAY BE AN
3 INDIVIDUAL ACCOUNT OR AN APPROVED COLLECTIVE ACCOUNT, IF THE
4 REPRESENTATIVE PAYEE MAINTAINS A SEPARATE LEDGER AND
5 ACCOUNTING RECORDS FOR EACH CHILD OR YOUTH BENEFICIARY OF AN
6 APPROVED COLLECTIVE ACCOUNT. THE CONTENTS OF THE ACCOUNT,
7 INCLUDING APPLICABLE INTEREST OR EARNINGS, MUST BE SAVED FOR THE
8 FUTURE NEEDS OF THE INDIVIDUAL CHILD OR YOUTH.

9 (III) PROVIDE AN ANNUAL ACCOUNTING OF THE ACCUMULATION
10 OF THE CHILD'S OR YOUTH'S FEDERAL BENEFITS TO INTERESTED PARTIES.
11 THE ANNUAL ACCOUNTING INFORMATION MUST INCLUDE:

12 (A) THE AMOUNT AND SOURCE OF FEDERAL BENEFITS COLLECTED
13 BY THE COUNTY DEPARTMENT AND CREDITED TO THE ACCOUNT
14 MAINTAINED ON BEHALF OF THE CHILD OR YOUTH;

15 (B) THE BALANCE OF THE ACCOUNT MAINTAINED ON BEHALF OF
16 THE CHILD OR YOUTH; AND

17 (C) INFORMATION REGARDING THE CHILD'S OR YOUTH'S ASSETS
18 AND RESOURCES, INCLUDING BENEFITS, INSURANCE, CASH ASSETS, TRUST
19 ACCOUNTS, AND EARNINGS, IF THE ASSETS OR RESOURCES ARE
20 CONTROLLED BY THE COUNTY DEPARTMENT.

21 (b) IF A COUNTY DEPARTMENT IS NOT THE REPRESENTATIVE PAYEE
22 OR FIDUCIARY FOR A CHILD OR YOUTH, THE COUNTY DEPARTMENT IS NOT
23 RESPONSIBLE FOR ESTABLISHING OR MAINTAINING AN ACCOUNT FOR
24 DEPOSIT OF THE FEDERAL BENEFITS OF THE CHILD OR YOUTH OR PROVIDING
25 RELATED ACCOUNTING INFORMATION PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (5)(a) OF
26 THIS SECTION.

27 (c) IF A COUNTY DEPARTMENT IS THE REPRESENTATIVE PAYEE OR
28 FIDUCIARY FOR A CHILD OR YOUTH PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (5)(a) OF
29 THIS SECTION, THIS SECTION DOES NOT PREVENT OR LIMIT THE COUNTY
30 DEPARTMENT FROM CONSERVING FOR THE CHILD OR YOUTH BENEFITS
31 THAT:

32 (I) ARE ADMINISTERED BY A FEDERAL AGENCY; AND

33 (II) FALL OUTSIDE THE SCOPE OF THE DEFINITION OF FEDERAL
34 BENEFITS IN SUBSECTION (2)(a) OF THIS SECTION.

35 (6) (a) THE COUNTY DEPARTMENT SHALL PROVIDE TIMELY,
36 DEVELOPMENTALLY APPROPRIATE NOTICE TO INTERESTED PARTIES OF:

37 (I) SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL BENEFITS ON
38 BEHALF OF A CHILD OR YOUTH;

39 (II) SUBMISSION OF A REQUEST FOR THE COUNTY DEPARTMENT TO
40 BECOME THE REPRESENTATIVE PAYEE OR FIDUCIARY FOR THE CHILD OR
41 YOUTH AND IDENTIFICATION OF THE REPRESENTATIVE PAYEE OR
42 FIDUCIARY ULTIMATELY SELECTED;

43 (III) RECEIPT BY THE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF A FEDERAL

1 AGENCY'S DECISION REGARDING FEDERAL BENEFITS, INCLUDING DENIAL,
2 TERMINATION, OR REDUCTION OF FEDERAL BENEFITS;
3 (IV) A DECISION BY THE COUNTY DEPARTMENT ABOUT WHETHER
4 OR NOT TO APPEAL AN ADVERSE DETERMINATION, INCLUDING THE
5 OUTCOME OF ANY APPEAL FILED;
6 (V) RECEIPT OF AN ELIGIBILITY REDETERMINATION; AND
7 (VI) THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A SPECIAL ACCOUNT OR TRUST ON
8 BEHALF OF THE CHILD OR YOUTH.
9 (b) THE NOTICE MUST STATE THAT INTERESTED PARTIES MAY
10 SUBMIT INFORMATION RELEVANT TO THE SELECTION OF A
11 REPRESENTATIVE PAYEE OR FIDUCIARY FOR THE CHILD OR YOUTH, AND
12 THAT AN INDIVIDUAL MAY HAVE THE RIGHT TO CONTEST THE SELECTION
13 OF A REPRESENTATIVE PAYEE OR FIDUCIARY BEFORE THE RELEVANT
14 FEDERAL AGENCY, INCLUDING THE SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION OR
15 VETERANS ADMINISTRATION.
16 (7) ONCE A CHILD WHO IS RECEIVING FEDERAL BENEFITS LEAVES
17 THE LEGAL CUSTODY OR LEGAL AUTHORITY OF THE COUNTY DEPARTMENT,
18 THE COUNTY DEPARTMENT SHALL RELEASE, PURSUANT TO THE
19 REQUIREMENTS OF THE FUNDING SOURCE, ANY FUNDS THAT HAVE
20 ACCUMULATED IN AN ACCOUNT THAT THE COUNTY DEPARTMENT HAS
21 ESTABLISHED OR MAINTAINS FOR DEPOSIT OF THE FEDERAL BENEFITS OF
22 THE CHILD OR YOUTH.
23 (8) ON OR BEFORE JULY 1, 2026, THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN
24 SERVICES, IN CONSULTATION WITH INTERESTED STAKEHOLDERS,
25 INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, COUNTY DEPARTMENTS, ORGANIZATIONS
26 THAT ADVOCATE ON BEHALF OF YOUTH IN FOSTER CARE, GUARDIANS AD
27 LITEM, ORGANIZATIONS THAT REPRESENT COURT-APPOINTED SPECIAL
28 ADVOCATES, ORGANIZATIONS THAT ADVOCATE ON BEHALF OF DISABILITY
29 RIGHTS, THE OFFICE OF RESPONDENT PARENTS' COUNSEL, AND THE OFFICE
30 OF THE CHILD'S REPRESENTATIVE, SHALL ADOPT RULES FOR THE
31 IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS SECTION. THE RULES MUST INCLUDE GUIDANCE
32 TO THE COUNTY DEPARTMENTS ON:
33 (a) THE TYPES OF FEDERAL BENEFITS FOR WHICH A COUNTY
34 DEPARTMENT SHALL, PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (3) OF THIS SECTION,
35 CONDUCT AN ELIGIBILITY SCREENING, SUBMIT AN APPLICATION, OR APPEAL
36 AN ADVERSE DETERMINATION;
37 (b) SCREENING METHODS FOR IDENTIFYING WHETHER A CHILD OR
38 YOUTH IS ALREADY RECEIVING FEDERAL BENEFITS OR MAY BE ELIGIBLE TO
39 RECEIVE FEDERAL BENEFITS AND SCREENING METHODS FOR SUBSEQUENT
40 ANNUAL ELIGIBILITY REVIEWS;
41 (c) BEST PRACTICES FOR CONSULTING WITH THE CHILD OR YOUTH
42 OR OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES WHO MAY HAVE INFORMATION ABOUT THE
43 CHILD'S OR YOUTH'S RECEIPT OF OR ELIGIBILITY FOR FEDERAL BENEFITS;

- 1 (d) THE APPLICATION PROCESS FOR FEDERAL BENEFITS FOR EACH
2 CHILD OR YOUTH, WHO, PURSUANT TO SCREENING, IS LIKELY TO BE
3 DETERMINED ELIGIBLE FOR FEDERAL BENEFITS;
- 4 (e) THE PROCESS FOR APPEALING AND REQUESTING
5 RECONSIDERATION OF ADVERSE DECISIONS REGARDING ELIGIBILITY FOR
6 FEDERAL BENEFITS;
- 7 (f) THE PROCESS FOR PROVIDING TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO A
8 NONCERTIFIED KINSHIP CAREGIVER WHO IS APPLYING FOR FEDERAL
9 BENEFITS ON BEHALF OF A CHILD OR YOUTH;
- 10 (g) METHODS FOR IDENTIFYING, PURSUANT TO APPLICABLE
11 FEDERAL GUIDELINES, AN APPROPRIATE REPRESENTATIVE PAYEE OR
12 FIDUCIARY FOR A CHILD OR YOUTH IN THE LEGAL CUSTODY OR UNDER THE
13 LEGAL AUTHORITY OF THE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OR IN A KINSHIP CARE
14 PLACEMENT;
- 15 (h) THE PROCESS FOR ESTABLISHING AND MAINTAINING AN
16 ACCOUNT FOR DEPOSIT AND ACCUMULATION OF THE FEDERAL BENEFITS OF
17 A CHILD OR YOUTH WHILE IN THE LEGAL CUSTODY OR UNDER THE LEGAL
18 AUTHORITY OF THE COUNTY DEPARTMENT AND FOR PROVIDING RELATED
19 ACCOUNTING INFORMATION ANNUALLY;
- 20 (i) SPECIFICATIONS FOR PROVIDING REQUIRED NOTICES REGARDING
21 FEDERAL BENEFIT APPLICATIONS, APPLICATIONS FOR A COUNTY
22 DEPARTMENT TO BECOME A REPRESENTATIVE PAYEE OR FIDUCIARY,
23 RECEIPT OF DECISIONS REGARDING FEDERAL BENEFIT ELIGIBILITY, APPEALS
24 OF DENIALS, AND ESTABLISHMENT OF ACCOUNTS;
- 25 (j) INFORMING A CHILD OR YOUTH ABOUT RIGHTS AND
26 RESPONSIBILITIES REGARDING THE CONTINUED RECEIPT OF FEDERAL
27 BENEFITS, THE SOURCES OF ASSISTANCE THAT MAY BE AVAILABLE FOR
28 RESOLVING RELATED PROBLEMS, AND THE PROCESS FOR TRANSFERRING
29 ACCUMULATED FEDERAL BENEFITS; AND
- 30 (k) FOR YOUTH PARTICIPATING IN THE FOSTER YOUTH IN
31 TRANSITION PROGRAM PURSUANT TO PART 3 OF THIS ARTICLE 7,
32 INFORMATION ABOUT APPLYING FOR AND CONSERVING FEDERAL BENEFITS
33 OR OBTAINING RELATED FINANCIAL LITERACY TRAINING.

34 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 19-7-305, **amend**
35 (1)(c)(IV) as follows:

36 **19-7-305. Available services and supports.** (1) Each county
37 department shall offer, at a minimum, the following services and supports
38 to participating youth in the transition program:

39 (c) Case management services, including the development of a
40 case plan with a roadmap to success for the participating youth, as well
41 as assistance in the following areas, as appropriate, and with the
42 agreement of the participating youth:

43 (IV) Obtaining appropriate community resources and public

1 benefits, INCLUDING APPLYING FOR FEDERAL BENEFITS AS DEFINED IN
2 SECTION 19-7-105, CONSERVING OR MANAGING FEDERAL BENEFITS
3 OBTAINED PURSUANT TO SECTION 19-7-105, OR OBTAINING RELATED
4 FINANCIAL LITERACY TRAINING;

5 **SECTION 3. Safety clause.** The general assembly finds,
6 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate
7 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety or for appropriations for
8 the support and maintenance of the departments of the state and state
9 institutions."

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