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**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

101     **CONCERNING THE TREATMENT OF PERSONS WITH BEHAVIORAL**  
102     **HEALTH DISORDERS IN THE JUSTICE SYSTEM, AND, IN**  
103     **CONNECTION THEREWITH, MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.**

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**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/>.)*

**Legislative Oversight Committee Concerning the Treatment of Persons with Mental Health Disorders in the Criminal and Juvenile Justice Systems.** The bill updates provisions of the existing article 1.9 of title 18, Colorado Revised Statutes, concerning the treatment of persons with mental health disorders in the criminal and juvenile

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justice systems.

Substantive changes include:

- Broadening the name and scope of the legislative oversight committee (committee) and associated task force (task force) from concerning the treatment of "persons with mental health disorders" to "persons with behavioral health disorders";
- Allowing the task force to research topics for members of the committee upon request;
- Adjusting task force membership;
- Further defining issues for the task force to study; and
- Extending the repeal date to July 1, 2027.

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

**SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **repeal and reenact**,  
**with amendments**, article 1.9 of title 18 as follows:

## ARTICLE 1.9

# **Continuing Examination of the Treatment of Persons with Behavioral Health Disorders Who are Involved in the Criminal and Juvenile Justice Systems**

8                   **18-1.9-101. Legislative declaration.** (1) THE GENERAL  
9 ASSEMBLY FINDS THAT:

10 (a) THE UNITED STATES IS IN A PUBLIC HEALTH CRISIS IN WHICH  
11 PERSONS WITH BEHAVIORAL HEALTH NEEDS ARE NEGLECTED,  
12 STIGMATIZED, OR INADEQUATELY SUPPORTED, WHICH GREATLY INCREASES  
13 THE RISK OF SUCH PERSONS BECOMING INVOLVED WITH OR CONTINUING TO  
14 BE INVOLVED WITH THE CRIMINAL OR JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEM;

15 (b) PERSONS WITH BEHAVIORAL HEALTH DISORDERS ARE  
16 DISPROPORTIONATELY REPRESENTED IN THE CRIMINAL AND JUVENILE  
17 JUSTICE SYSTEMS. THE PREVALENCE RATES NATIONALLY OF SUCH  
18 INDIVIDUALS ENTERING JAIL ARE THREE TIMES GREATER THAN THAT OF  
19 THE GENERAL POPULATION. BUREAU OF JUSTICE STATISTICS DATA FROM

1 2011 THROUGH 2012 INDICATE THAT HALF OF THE PEOPLE INCARCERATED  
2 IN PRISONS, AND TWO-THIRDS OF THOSE IN JAIL, HAVE EITHER A CURRENT  
3 SERIOUS PSYCHOLOGICAL DISTRESS OR A HISTORY OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH  
4 CONCERNS.

5 (c) THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS' DATA INDICATE THAT ONE  
6 OUT OF EVERY THREE MEN AND FOUR OUT OF EVERY FIVE WOMEN  
7 IMPRISONED IN COLORADO HAVE A MODERATE TO SEVERE BEHAVIORAL  
8 HEALTH DISORDER;

9 (d) THE DIVISION OF YOUTH SERVICES' DATA INDICATE THAT  
10 FIFTY-NINE PERCENT OF NEWLY COMMITTED YOUTH REQUIRE BEHAVIORAL  
11 HEALTH INTERVENTION OR SERVICES, AND NATIONALLY, JUVENILE  
12 INSTITUTIONS ARE ILL-EQUIPPED TO PROVIDE A COMPREHENSIVE ARRAY OF  
13 SUCH SERVICES TO MEET THE NEEDS; AND

14 (e) LARGE NUMBERS OF PEOPLE WITH BEHAVIORAL HEALTH  
15 DISORDERS ARE BEING SENT TO SECURE JUSTICE SETTINGS INSTEAD OF  
16 RECEIVING COMMUNITY TREATMENT. AS A RESULT, THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE  
17 SYSTEM HAS BECOME THE STOPGAP PROVIDER TO ADDRESS CHRONIC AND  
18 ACUTE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH NEEDS IN OUR STATE.

19 (2) THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FURTHER FINDS THAT:

20 (a) ACTIONS FOCUSED ON PERSONS WHO ARE AT RISK OF ENTRY  
21 INTO THE SYSTEM DUE TO BEHAVIORAL HEALTH DISORDERS, AND ACTIONS  
22 TO HELP REDUCE AND PREVENT RECIDIVISM ONCE SUCH INDIVIDUALS ARE  
23 IN THE SYSTEM, ARE CRITICAL IN ADDRESSING THE PROBLEM;

24 (b) RESEARCH DEMONSTRATES A NEED TO DIVERT PERSONS WITH  
25 BEHAVIORAL HEALTH DISORDERS TO TREATMENT PROGRAMS AND TO  
26 PROVIDE WRAPAROUND SERVICES, SUCH AS HOUSING AND CONTINUED  
27 MEDICAL AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH TREATMENT UPON RELEASE; AND

1 (c) PREVENTION AND INTERVENTION NEEDS RANGE FROM, BUT ARE  
2 NOT LIMITED TO, SCHOOL-BASED BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES; LAW  
3 ENFORCEMENT DIRECTED DIVERSION; COMMUNITY SCREENING,  
4 ASSESSMENT, AND TREATMENT; SECURE SETTINGS WITHIN CORRECTION  
5 FACILITIES; AND SUPPORTIVE REENTRY SERVICES THAT ARE CRITICAL  
6 COMPONENTS OF DIGNITY, SAFETY, AND RECOVERY.

**27            18-1.9-102. Definitions.** AS USED IN THIS ARTICLE 1.9, UNLESS

1       THE CONTEXT OTHERWISE REQUIRES:

2           (1) "BEHAVIORAL HEALTH" REFERS TO AN INDIVIDUAL'S MENTAL  
3       AND EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING AND ACTIONS THAT AFFECT AN INDIVIDUAL'S  
4       OVERALL WELLNESS. BEHAVIORAL HEALTH PROBLEMS AND DISORDERS  
5       INCLUDE SUBSTANCE USE DISORDERS, SERIOUS PSYCHOLOGICAL DISTRESS,  
6       SUICIDE, DEPRESSION, AND OTHER MENTAL HEALTH DISORDERS. PROBLEMS  
7       RANGING FROM UNHEALTHY STRESS OR SUBCLINICAL CONDITIONS TO  
8       DIAGNOSABLE AND TREATABLE DISEASES ARE INCLUDED IN THE TERM  
9       "BEHAVIORAL HEALTH". THE TERM "BEHAVIORAL HEALTH" IS ALSO USED  
10      TO DESCRIBE SERVICE SYSTEMS THAT ENCOMPASS PREVENTION AND  
11      PROMOTION OF EMOTIONAL HEALTH, PREVENTION AND TREATMENT  
12      SERVICES FOR MENTAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE USE DISORDERS, AND  
13      RECOVERY SUPPORT.

14           (2) "CO-OCCURRING DISORDER" MEANS A DISORDER THAT  
15      COMMONLY COINCIDES WITH MENTAL HEALTH DISORDERS AND MAY  
16      INCLUDE, BUT IS NOT LIMITED TO, SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND SUBSTANCE USE  
17      DISORDERS, BEHAVIORAL HEALTH DISORDERS, INTELLECTUAL AND  
18      DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES, FETAL ALCOHOL SYNDROME, AND  
19      TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY.

20           (3) "LEGISLATIVE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE" OR "COMMITTEE"  
21      MEANS THE LEGISLATIVE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE CONCERNING THE  
22      TREATMENT OF PERSONS WITH BEHAVIORAL HEALTH DISORDERS IN THE  
23      CRIMINAL AND JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEMS ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO  
24      SECTION 18-1.9-103.

25           (4) "PREVIOUS TASK FORCE" MEANS THE TASK FORCE CONCERNING  
26      THE TREATMENT OF PERSONS WITH MENTAL HEALTH DISORDERS IN THE  
27      CRIMINAL AND JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEMS THAT EXISTED PRIOR TO JULY

1 1, 2022.

2 (5) "TASK FORCE" MEANS THE TASK FORCE CONCERNING THE  
3 TREATMENT OF PERSONS WITH BEHAVIORAL HEALTH DISORDERS IN THE  
4 CRIMINAL AND JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEMS ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO  
5 SECTION 18-1.9-104.

6 **18-1.9-103. Legislative oversight committee concerning the**  
7 **treatment of persons with behavioral health disorders in the criminal**  
8 **and juvenile justice systems - creation - duties.** (1) **Creation.**  
9 (a) THERE IS CREATED A LEGISLATIVE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE  
10 CONCERNING THE TREATMENT OF PERSONS WITH BEHAVIORAL HEALTH  
11 DISORDERS IN THE CRIMINAL AND JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEMS.

12 (b) THE COMMITTEE CONSISTS OF SIX MEMBERS AS FOLLOWS:

13 (I) THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE SHALL APPOINT TWO SENATORS  
14 TO SERVE ON THE COMMITTEE, AND THE MINORITY LEADER OF THE SENATE  
15 SHALL APPOINT ONE SENATOR TO SERVE ON THE COMMITTEE; AND

16 (II) THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES SHALL  
17 APPOINT THREE REPRESENTATIVES TO SERVE ON THE COMMITTEE, NO  
18 MORE THAN TWO OF WHOM ARE MEMBERS OF THE SAME POLITICAL PARTY.

19 (c) THE TERMS OF THE MEMBERS WHO ARE SERVING ON THE  
20 LEGISLATIVE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE CONCERNING THE TREATMENT OF  
21 PERSONS WITH MENTAL HEALTH DISORDERS IN THE CRIMINAL AND  
22 JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEMS AS OF THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS SECTION  
23 ARE EXTENDED TO THE CONVENING DATE OF THE FIRST REGULAR SESSION  
24 OF THE SEVENTY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY. AS SOON AS PRACTICABLE  
25 AFTER SUCH CONVENING DATE, BUT NO LATER THAN THE END OF THE  
26 LEGISLATIVE SESSION, THE SPEAKER, THE PRESIDENT, AND THE MINORITY  
27 LEADER OF THE SENATE SHALL EACH APPOINT OR REAPPOINT MEMBERS IN

1       THE SAME MANNER AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (1)(b) OF THIS SECTION.  
2       THEREAFTER, THE TERMS OF MEMBERS APPOINTED OR REAPPOINTED BY  
3       THE SPEAKER, THE PRESIDENT, AND THE MINORITY LEADER OF THE SENATE  
4       EXPIRE ON THE CONVENING DATE OF THE FIRST REGULAR SESSION OF THE  
5       NEXT GENERAL ASSEMBLY, AND ALL SUBSEQUENT APPOINTMENTS AND  
6       REAPPOINTMENTS BY THE SPEAKER, THE PRESIDENT, AND THE MINORITY  
7       LEADER OF THE SENATE MUST BE MADE AS SOON AS PRACTICABLE AFTER  
8       THE CONVENING DATE, BUT NO LATER THAN THE END OF THE LEGISLATIVE  
9       SESSION.

10       (d) THE PERSON MAKING THE ORIGINAL APPOINTMENT OR  
11       REAPPOINTMENT SHALL FILL ANY VACANCY BY APPOINTMENT FOR THE  
12       REMAINDER OF AN UNEXPIRED TERM. MEMBERS APPOINTED OR  
13       REAPPOINTED SERVE AT THE PLEASURE OF THE APPOINTING AUTHORITY  
14       AND CONTINUE IN OFFICE UNTIL THE MEMBER'S SUCCESSOR IS APPOINTED.

15       (e) THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE SHALL SELECT THE FIRST CHAIR  
16       OF THE COMMITTEE, AND THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF  
17       REPRESENTATIVES SHALL SELECT THE FIRST VICE-CHAIR. THE CHAIR AND  
18       VICE-CHAIR SHALL ALTERNATE ANNUALLY THEREAFTER BETWEEN THE  
19       TWO HOUSES.

20       (f) THE CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR OF THE COMMITTEE MAY  
21       ESTABLISH ORGANIZATIONAL AND PROCEDURAL RULES AS ARE NECESSARY  
22       FOR THE OPERATION OF THE COMMITTEE AND, IN COLLABORATION WITH  
23       THE TASK FORCE, GUIDELINES AND EXPECTATIONS FOR ONGOING  
24       COLLABORATION WITH THE TASK FORCE.

25       (g) (I) MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE MAY RECEIVE PAYMENT OF  
26       PER DIEM AND REIMBURSEMENT FOR ACTUAL AND NECESSARY EXPENSES  
27       AUTHORIZED PURSUANT TO SECTION 2-2-307.

12 (b) THE COMMITTEE IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE OVERSIGHT OF THE  
13 TASK FORCE AND SHALL SUBMIT ANNUAL REPORTS PURSUANT TO  
14 SUBSECTION (2)(c) OF THIS SECTION TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
15 REGARDING THE TASK FORCE'S FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS. IN  
16 ADDITION, THE COMMITTEE MAY RECOMMEND LEGISLATIVE CHANGES  
17 THAT ARE TREATED AS BILLS RECOMMENDED BY AN INTERIM LEGISLATIVE  
18 COMMITTEE FOR PURPOSES OF ANY INTRODUCTION DEADLINES OR BILL  
19 LIMITATIONS IMPOSED BY THE JOINT RULES OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

20 (c) (I) ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 15 OF EACH YEAR, THE COMMITTEE  
21 IS REQUIRED TO SUBMIT A REPORT TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND MAKE  
22 SUCH REPORT PUBLICLY AVAILABLE ON ITS WEBSITE; HOWEVER, DURING  
23 ANY INTERIM IN WHICH THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY HAS SUSPENDED INTERIM  
24 COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES, THE COMMITTEE IS NOT REQUIRED TO SUBMIT  
25 SUCH A REPORT. THE ANNUAL REPORT MUST BRIEFLY SUMMARIZE THE  
26 STUDY ISSUES, RECOMMENDATIONS CONSIDERED, AND ANY ACTIONS  
27 TAKEN BY THE COMMITTEE AND THE TASK FORCE DURING THE PREVIOUS

1       YEAR.

2           (II) THE REPORT MUST COMPLY WITH THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION  
3       24-1-136 (9). NOTWITHSTANDING SECTION 24-1-136 (11)(a)(I), THE  
4       REQUIREMENT IN THIS SECTION TO REPORT TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
5       CONTINUES INDEFINITELY.

6           **18-1.9-104. Task force concerning the treatment of persons**  
7       **with behavioral health disorders in the criminal and juvenile justice**  
8       **systems - creation - membership - duties.** (1) **Creation.** THERE IS  
9       CREATED A TASK FORCE CONCERNING THE TREATMENT OF PERSONS WITH  
10      BEHAVIORAL HEALTH DISORDERS IN THE CRIMINAL AND JUVENILE JUSTICE  
11      SYSTEMS. THE TASK FORCE CONSISTS OF TWENTY-NINE MEMBERS  
12      APPOINTED AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (2) OF THIS SECTION AND ANY  
13      STAFF SUPPORT AS PROVIDED FOR IN SECTION 18-1.9-105.

14           (2) **Membership - terms.** (a) THE CHIEF JUSTICE OF THE  
15      COLORADO SUPREME COURT SHALL APPOINT TWO MEMBERS WHO  
16      REPRESENT THE JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT, ONE OF WHOM REPRESENTS THE  
17      DIVISION OF PROBATION WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT. NOTHING IN THIS  
18      SECTION PROHIBITS THE CHIEF JUSTICE FROM APPOINTING MEMBERS WHO  
19      SERVED ON THE PREVIOUS TASK FORCE.

20           (b) THE FOLLOWING EXECUTIVE BRANCH AGENCIES, DIVISIONS,  
21      AND OFFICES SHALL APPOINT OR REAPPOINT FROM THE PREVIOUS TASK  
22      FORCE ELEVEN MEMBERS. NOTHING IN THIS SECTION PROHIBITS THE  
23      EXECUTIVE BRANCH AGENCIES LISTED FROM APPOINTING MEMBERS WHO  
24      SERVED ON THE PREVIOUS TASK FORCE. THE FOLLOWING EXECUTIVE  
25      BRANCH AGENCIES SHALL APPOINT A REPRESENTATIVE ON OR BEFORE  
26      AUGUST 1, 2022:

27           (I) THE DIRECTOR OF THE DIVISION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE IN THE

1 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY SHALL APPOINT ONE MEMBER TO  
2 REPRESENT THE DIVISION;

3 (II) THE DIRECTOR OF THE DIVISION OF PAROLE IN THE  
4 DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS SHALL APPOINT ONE MEMBER TO  
5 REPRESENT THE DIVISION;

6 (III) THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES SHALL APPOINT THREE  
7 MEMBERS AS FOLLOWS:

8 (A) THE DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SHALL  
9 APPOINT ONE MEMBER TO REPRESENT THE OFFICE;

10 (B) THE DIRECTOR OF THE DIVISION OF YOUTH SERVICES SHALL  
11 APPOINT ONE MEMBER TO REPRESENT THE DIVISION; AND

12 (C) THE DIRECTOR OF THE UNIT WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF  
13 HUMAN SERVICES THAT IS RESPONSIBLE FOR CHILD WELFARE SERVICES  
14 SHALL APPOINT ONE MEMBER TO REPRESENT THE UNIT;

15 (IV) THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF  
16 EDUCATION SHALL APPOINT ONE MEMBER TO REPRESENT THE  
17 DEPARTMENT;

18 (V) THE ATTORNEY GENERAL SHALL APPOINT ONE MEMBER TO  
19 REPRESENT THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE;

20 (VI) THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH  
21 CARE POLICY AND FINANCING SHALL APPOINT ONE MEMBER TO REPRESENT  
22 THE DEPARTMENT;

23 (VII) THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR  
24 AND EMPLOYMENT SHALL APPOINT ONE MEMBER TO REPRESENT THE  
25 DEPARTMENT;

26 (VIII) THE DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF THE CHILD'S  
27 REPRESENTATIVE SHALL APPOINT ONE MEMBER TO REPRESENT THE OFFICE;

1 AND

2 (IX) THE DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF THE ALTERNATE DEFENSE  
3 COUNSEL SHALL APPOINT ONE MEMBER TO REPRESENT THE OFFICE.

4 (c) THE CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR OF THE LEGISLATIVE OVERSIGHT  
5 COMMITTEE SHALL APPOINT OR REAPPOINT FROM THE PREVIOUS TASK  
6 FORCE SIXTEEN ADDITIONAL MEMBERS. COMMITTEE STAFF IS RESPONSIBLE  
7 FOR PUBLICLY ANNOUNCING VACANCIES FOR THE FOLLOWING POSITIONS,  
8 AND REQUESTING CANDIDATES SUBMIT A LETTER OF INTEREST FOR THE  
9 SPECIFIC POSITION, SO THAT THE LETTERS OF INTEREST ARE DUE NO LATER  
10 THAN ONE WEEK AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS SECTION. THE  
11 LEGISLATIVE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE, BY MAJORITY VOTE, SHALL APPROVE  
12 THE APPOINTMENTS FOR THESE POSITIONS. NOTHING IN THIS SECTION  
13 PROHIBITS THE LEGISLATIVE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE FROM APPOINTING  
14 MEMBERS WHO SERVED ON THE PREVIOUS TASK FORCE. THE TASK FORCE  
15 MEMBERS TO BE APPOINTED PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTION (2)(c)  
16 INCLUDE:

17 (I) TWO MEMBERS WHO REPRESENT LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT  
18 AGENCIES, ONE OF WHOM IS IN ACTIVE SERVICE AS A POLICE OFFICER IN  
19 THE STATE, AND THE OTHER IS IN ACTIVE SERVICE AS A SHERIFF IN THE  
20 STATE;

21 (II) TWO MEMBERS FROM COUNTY DEPARTMENTS OF HUMAN OR  
22 SOCIAL SERVICES, ONE OF WHOM REPRESENTS A RURAL COLORADO  
23 PERSPECTIVE;

24 (III) ONE MEMBER WHO REPRESENTS DISTRICT ATTORNEYS WITHIN  
25 THE STATE;

26 (IV) TWO MEMBERS WHO REPRESENT THE CRIMINAL DEFENSE BAR  
27 WITHIN THE STATE, ONE OF WHOM HAS EXPERIENCE REPRESENTING

1 JUVENILES IN THE JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEM;

2 (V) TWO MEMBERS WHO ARE LICENSED MENTAL HEALTH  
3 PROFESSIONALS PRACTICING WITHIN THE STATE, ONE OF WHOM HAS  
4 EXPERIENCE TREATING JUVENILES;

5 (VI) ONE MEMBER WHO IS FROM A COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH  
6 CENTER WITHIN THE STATE;

7 (VII) ONE MEMBER WHO HAS KNOWLEDGE OF PUBLIC BENEFITS  
8 AND PUBLIC HOUSING WITHIN THE STATE;

9 (VIII) ONE MEMBER WHO IS A MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONAL  
10 PRACTICING IN FORENSIC ENVIRONMENTS;

11 (IX) THREE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC AS FOLLOWS:

12 (A) ONE MEMBER WHO IS LIVING WITH A BEHAVIORAL HEALTH  
13 DISORDER AND HAS BEEN INVOLVED IN THE CRIMINAL OR JUVENILE  
14 JUSTICE SYSTEM IN THE STATE;

15 (B) ONE MEMBER WHO HAS AN ADULT FAMILY MEMBER WHO HAS  
16 A BEHAVIORAL HEALTH DISORDER AND WHO IS OR WAS INVOLVED IN THE  
17 CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM IN THE STATE; AND

18 (C) ONE MEMBER WHO IS THE PARENT OF A CHILD WHO HAS A  
19 BEHAVIORAL HEALTH DISORDER AND WHO IS OR WAS INVOLVED IN THE  
20 JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEM IN THE STATE; AND

21 (X) ONE MEMBER WHO REPRESENTS A NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION  
22 THAT WORKS ON STATEWIDE LEGISLATION AND ORGANIZING COLORADANS  
23 TO PROMOTE BEHAVIORAL, MENTAL, AND PHYSICAL HEALTH NEEDS.

24 (d) MEMBERS APPOINTED TO THE TASK FORCE PURSUANT TO THIS  
25 SUBSECTION (2) SHALL SERVE TWO-YEAR TERMS AND MAY BE  
26 RE-APPOINTED TO SUBSEQUENT TERMS WITHOUT LIMITATION.

27 (e) (I) A VACANCY OCCURRING IN A POSITION APPOINTED BY THE

1 CHIEF JUSTICE OF THE COLORADO SUPREME COURT PURSUANT TO  
2 SUBSECTION (2)(a) OF THIS SECTION MUST BE FILLED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE  
3 BY THE CHIEF JUSTICE OF THE COLORADO SUPREME COURT IN  
4 ACCORDANCE WITH THE LIMITATIONS SPECIFIED IN SUBSECTION (2)(a) OF  
5 THIS SECTION. IN ADDITION, THE CHIEF JUSTICE OF THE COLORADO  
6 SUPREME COURT MAY REMOVE AND REPLACE ANY APPOINTMENT TO THE  
7 TASK FORCE MADE PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (2)(a) OF THIS SECTION.

8 (II) A VACANCY OCCURRING IN A POSITION THAT IS APPOINTED BY  
9 AN EXECUTIVE BRANCH AGENCY PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (2)(b) OF THIS  
10 SECTION MUST BE FILLED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE BY THE INITIAL APPOINTING  
11 EXECUTIVE BRANCH AGENCY. IN ADDITION, THE INITIAL APPOINTING  
12 EXECUTIVE BRANCH AGENCY MAY REMOVE AND REPLACE ANY  
13 APPOINTMENT IT MADE TO THE TASK FORCE MADE PURSUANT TO  
14 SUBSECTION (2)(b) OF THIS SECTION.

15 (III) A VACANCY OCCURRING IN A POSITION FILLED BY THE CHAIR  
16 AND VICE-CHAIR OF THE COMMITTEE PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (2)(c) OF  
17 THIS SECTION MUST BE FILLED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE BY THE CHAIR AND  
18 VICE-CHAIR OF THE COMMITTEE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LIMITATIONS  
19 SPECIFIED IN SUBSECTION (2)(c) OF THIS SECTION. IN ADDITION, THE CHAIR  
20 AND VICE-CHAIR OF THE COMMITTEE MAY REMOVE AND REPLACE ANY  
21 APPOINTMENT TO THE TASK FORCE MADE PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (2)(c)  
22 OF THIS SECTION.

23 (f) IN MAKING APPOINTMENTS TO THE TASK FORCE, THE  
24 APPOINTING AUTHORITIES SHALL ENSURE THAT THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE  
25 TASK FORCE INCLUDES PERSONS WHO HAVE EXPERIENCE WITH OR  
26 INTEREST IN THE STUDY AREAS OF THE TASK FORCE AS SET FORTH IN  
27 SUBSECTION (3) OF THIS SECTION; PERSONS WHO REFLECT THE ETHNIC,

1 CULTURAL, AND GENDER DIVERSITY OF THE STATE; REPRESENTATION OF  
2 ALL AREAS OF THE STATE; AND, TO THE EXTENT PRACTICABLE, PERSONS  
3 WITH DISABILITIES.

4 (g) (I) ALL TASK FORCE MEMBERS ARE EXPECTED TO SEEK INPUT  
5 FROM THE VARIOUS NETWORKS OR ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURES OF THE  
6 BODY THEY REPRESENT, IF ANY. EVERY EXECUTIVE BRANCH AGENCY IS  
7 ENCOURAGED TO NOMINATE A REPRESENTATIVE WHO CAN PARTICIPATE IN  
8 MAKING TASK FORCE SUBJECT MATTER EXPERT RECOMMENDATIONS, YET  
9 STILL APPROPRIATELY REPRESENT THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH AGENCY'S  
10 CONSTITUENCY.

11 (II) IN ORDER TO ADVANCE THE WORK OF THE TASK FORCE, TASK  
12 FORCE MEMBERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO PARTICIPATE IN DECISION-MAKING,  
13 WITH THE UNDERSTANDING THAT INDIVIDUAL VOTES ON TASK FORCE  
14 ISSUES ARE BASED ON SUBJECT MATTER EXPERTISE AND DO NOT COMMIT  
15 REPRESENTATIVE AGENCIES OR ORGANIZATIONS TO ANY POSITION OR  
16 ACTION. TASK FORCE MEMBERS SHALL ADHERE TO ANY AGREED-UPON  
17 PROCEDURAL RULES AND GUIDELINES.

18 (h) MEMBERS OF THE TASK FORCE SERVE WITHOUT  
19 COMPENSATION. HOWEVER, MEMBERS OF THE TASK FORCE APPOINTED  
20 PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (2)(c) OF THIS SECTION MAY RECEIVE  
21 REIMBURSEMENT FOR ACTUAL AND NECESSARY EXPENSES ASSOCIATED  
22 WITH THEIR DUTIES ON THE TASK FORCE.

23 (3) **Issues for study.** (a) THE TASK FORCE SHALL STUDY  
24 BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ISSUES WITHIN ITS SCOPE FOR PERSONS INVOLVED  
25 WITH THE CRIMINAL AND JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEMS, AS ANNUALLY  
26 DEFINED IN WRITING BY THE COMMITTEE EVERY YEAR ON OR BEFORE  
27 JANUARY 30, AND SHALL DEVELOP AND PROPOSE POLICY MODIFICATIONS

1 FOR COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION.

2 (b) THE REQUIREMENTS SET FORTH IN THIS SUBSECTION (3) DO NOT  
3 PROHIBIT THE TASK FORCE, AT ANY TIME DURING ITS EXISTENCE, FROM  
4 REQUESTING PERMISSION FROM THE COMMITTEE TO STUDY, PRESENT  
5 FINDINGS, AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS ON ANY ISSUE RELATED TO THE  
6 SCOPE OF THE TASK FORCE AND OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE.

7 (c) THE TASK FORCE SHALL STUDY BEST AND PROMISING  
8 PRACTICES TO PROMOTE POSITIVE SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL OUTCOMES FOR  
9 INDIVIDUALS WITH BEHAVIORAL HEALTH DISORDERS WHO ARE INVOLVED  
10 OR AT RISK OF CONTINUED INVOLVEMENT IN THE CRIMINAL OR JUVENILE  
11 JUSTICE SYSTEMS, WITH THE FOCUS ON BETTER UNDERSTANDING AND  
12 ADDRESSING NECESSARY RESOURCES AND ACTIONS FOR IMPLEMENTATION  
13 TO PREVENT INITIAL OR CONTINUED INVOLVEMENT WITH THE CRIMINAL OR  
14 JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEMS.

15 (d) IN EVALUATING THE ISSUES SET FORTH IN SUBSECTION (3)(a)  
16 OF THIS SECTION, THE TASK FORCE SHALL SPECIFICALLY CONSIDER THE  
17 FOLLOWING RELATED ISSUES, INCLUDING:

18 (I) EARLY IDENTIFICATION OF AND INTERVENTION STRATEGIES FOR  
19 INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE AT A HIGHER RISK OF CONTINUED INVOLVEMENT  
20 WITH THE CRIMINAL OR JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEM DUE TO ESTABLISHED  
21 OR DEVELOPING BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CONCERNS;

22 (II) THE PROMOTION OF RESILIENCE AND HEALTH FOR PERSONS  
23 ALREADY EXPERIENCING INVOLVEMENT OR WHO ARE AT RISK OF  
24 CONTINUING INVOLVEMENT WITH THE CRIMINAL OR JUVENILE JUSTICE  
25 SYSTEM DUE TO BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CONCERNS;

26 (III) THE INTERSECTION OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH DISORDERS AND  
27 THE INVOLVEMENT OR RISK OF CONTINUED INVOLVEMENT IN THE JUVENILE

1 OR CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEMS, WITH A SPECIFIC FOCUS ON DIVERTING  
2 PERSONS WITH MENTAL HEALTH, SUBSTANCE USE, OR CO-OCCURRING  
3 DISORDERS AWAY FROM THE RISK OF CONTINUED JUVENILE OR CRIMINAL  
4 JUSTICE INVOLVEMENT; AND

5 (IV) ISSUES RELATING TO PERSONS WITH BEHAVIORAL HEALTH  
6 DISORDERS WHO ARE ALREADY INVOLVED IN THE CRIMINAL OR JUVENILE  
7 JUSTICE SYSTEM, UTILIZING SAFE AND EFFECTIVE INTERVENTIONS WITH A  
8 FOCUS ON PREVENTING FURTHER INVOLVEMENT, PROMOTING GOOD  
9 HEALTH OUTCOMES UPON RELEASE, AND ENHANCING RECOVERY SUCCESS.

10 (4) **Additional duties of the task force.** THE TASK FORCE SHALL  
11 ANNUALLY DELIVER POLICY AND LEGISLATIVE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE  
12 COMMITTEE PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION. IN ADDITION, THE TASK FORCE  
13 SHALL:

14 (a) ON OR BEFORE AUGUST 1 OF EACH YEAR, SELECT A CHAIR AND  
15 VICE-CHAIR FROM AMONG ITS MEMBERS;

16 (b) MEET AT LEAST SIX TIMES EACH YEAR, OR MORE OFTEN AS  
17 DIRECTED BY THE CHAIR OF THE COMMITTEE;

18 (c) ESTABLISH ORGANIZATIONAL AND PROCEDURAL RULES FOR THE  
19 OPERATION OF THE TASK FORCE AND FOR COLLABORATION WITH THE  
20 COMMITTEE;

21 (d) DESIGNATE SPECIFIC TASK FORCE MEMBERS RESPONSIBLE FOR  
22 COLLABORATING WITH AND OBTAINING INPUT FROM OTHER GROUPS, TASK  
23 FORCES, OR STATEWIDE INITIATIVES THAT COMPLEMENT OR RELATE TO  
24 THE TASK FORCE'S IDENTIFIED AREAS OF STUDY;

25 (e) CREATE SUBCOMMITTEES AS NEEDED TO CARRY OUT THE  
26 DUTIES OF THE TASK FORCE. THE SUBCOMMITTEES MAY CONSIST, IN PART,  
27 OF PERSONS WHO ARE NOT MEMBERS OF THE TASK FORCE. SUCH PERSONS

1       MAY VOTE ON ISSUES BEFORE THE SUBCOMMITTEE BUT ARE NOT ENTITLED  
2       TO A VOTE AT TASK FORCE MEETINGS.

3               (f) STUDY THE IMPLEMENTATION OF COMMITTEE LEGISLATION  
4       PASSED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY;

5               (g) UPON REQUEST BY A COMMITTEE MEMBER, PROVIDE  
6       EVIDENCE-BASED FEEDBACK ON THE POTENTIAL BENEFITS OR  
7       CONSEQUENCES OF A LEGISLATIVE OR OTHER POLICY PROPOSAL NOT  
8       DIRECTLY AFFILIATED WITH OR GENERATED BY THE TASK FORCE. THE  
9       FEEDBACK MUST BE DELIVERED WITHIN TWO WEEKS TO THE ENTIRE  
10      COMMITTEE AND REMAIN AS CONCISE AS POSSIBLE WHILE CAPTURING ANY  
11      AVAILABLE EVIDENCE. IF THE TASK FORCE CANNOT IDENTIFY EVIDENCE TO  
12      EFFECTIVELY INFORM A RESPONSE, THE FEEDBACK WILL INDICATE A LACK  
13      OF EVIDENCE AND REPORT ON ANY ACTIONS TAKEN.

14               (h) (I) ON OR BEFORE AUGUST 1 OF EACH YEAR, PREPARE AND  
15      SUBMIT TO THE COMMITTEE, A REPORT THAT, AT A MINIMUM, INCLUDES:

16               (A) ISSUES STUDIED BY THE TASK FORCE, AS WELL AS FINDINGS  
17      FOR LEGISLATIVE OR OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS;

18               (B) LEGISLATIVE OR POLICY PROPOSALS OF THE TASK FORCE THAT  
19      IDENTIFY THE POLICY ISSUES INVOLVED, THE AGENCIES RESPONSIBLE FOR  
20      THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CHANGES, AND THE FUNDING SOURCES  
21      REQUIRED FOR IMPLEMENTATION;

22               (C) A SUMMARY OF TASK FORCE MEETING ACTIVITIES AND  
23      DISCUSSIONS;

24               (D) ANY EVIDENCE-BASED FEEDBACK PROVIDED TO THE  
25      COMMITTEE PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (4)(g) OF THIS SECTION; AND

26               (E) A SUMMARY OF EFFORTS MADE TO COMMUNICATE,  
27      COLLABORATE, OR COORDINATE WITH OTHER GROUPS, TASK FORCES, OR

1 STATE INITIATIVES.

2 (II) THE TASK FORCE MAY POST THE REPORT ON THE COMMITTEE'S  
3 WEBSITE.

4 (5) **Coordination.** THE TASK FORCE MAY WORK WITH OTHER  
5 GROUPS, TASK FORCES, OR STATEWIDE INITIATIVES THAT ARE PURSUING  
6 ISSUES AND POLICY INITIATIVES SIMILAR TO THOSE ADDRESSED IN  
7 SUBSECTION (3) OF THIS SECTION. THE TASK FORCE MAY DEVELOP  
8 RELATIONSHIPS WITH OTHER TASK FORCES, COMMITTEES, AND  
9 ORGANIZATIONS TO LEVERAGE EFFICIENT POLICY-MAKING OPPORTUNITIES  
10 THROUGH COLLABORATIVE EFFORTS.

11 (6) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY PROVISION OF THIS SECTION, THE  
12 TASK FORCE IS NOT REQUIRED TO MEET, SUBMIT ANNUAL POLICY AND  
13 LEGISLATIVE RECOMMENDATIONS, OR SUBMIT AN ANNUAL REPORT TO THE  
14 COMMITTEE DURING ANY INTERIM IN WHICH THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY HAS  
15 SUSPENDED INTERIM COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES.

16 **18-1.9-105. Task force funding - staff support.** (1) THE  
17 LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL STAFF SHALL SUPPLY STAFF ASSISTANCE, WITHIN  
18 EXISTING APPROPRIATIONS, TO THE TASK FORCE AS THE COMMITTEE  
19 DEEMS APPROPRIATE. IF EXISTING APPROPRIATIONS ARE NOT ADEQUATE  
20 TO SUPPLY STAFF ASSISTANCE THROUGH THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL STAFF,  
21 THE DIRECTOR OF LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL STAFF SHALL REQUEST  
22 ADDITIONAL NECESSARY FUNDING IN ITS ANNUAL BUDGET REQUEST.

23 (2) THE DIVISION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF  
24 PUBLIC SAFETY, THE OFFICE OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH IN THE DEPARTMENT  
25 OF HUMAN SERVICES, AND ANY STATE DEPARTMENT OR AGENCY WITH AN  
26 ACTIVE REPRESENTATIVE ON THE TASK FORCE ARE AUTHORIZED TO  
27 RECEIVE AND EXPEND GIFTS, GRANTS, AND DONATIONS, INCLUDING

1       DONATIONS OF IN-KIND SERVICES FOR STAFF SUPPORT, FROM ANY PUBLIC  
2       OR PRIVATE ENTITY FOR ANY DIRECT OR INDIRECT COSTS ASSOCIATED  
3       WITH THE DUTIES OF THE TASK FORCE.

4                   **18-1.9-106. Treatment of persons with behavioral health**  
5                   **disorders in the criminal and juvenile justice systems fund.** (1) THE  
6       TREATMENT OF PERSONS WITH BEHAVIORAL HEALTH DISORDERS IN THE  
7       CRIMINAL AND JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEMS FUND, REFERRED TO IN THIS  
8       SECTION AS THE "FUND", IS CREATED IN THE STATE TREASURY. THE FUND  
9       CONSISTS OF MONEY APPROPRIATED OR TRANSFERRED TO THE FUND BY  
10      THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND ANY PRIVATE AND PUBLIC FUNDS RECEIVED  
11      THROUGH GIFTS, GRANTS, OR DONATIONS FOR THE PURPOSE OF  
12      IMPLEMENTING THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ARTICLE 1.9. MONEY IN THE FUND  
13      IS SUBJECT TO ANNUAL APPROPRIATION BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FOR  
14      THE DIRECT AND INDIRECT COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE IMPLEMENTATION  
15      OF THIS ARTICLE 1.9. MONEY IN THE FUND NOT EXPENDED FOR THE  
16      PURPOSE OF IMPLEMENTING THIS ARTICLE 1.9 MAY BE INVESTED BY THE  
17      STATE TREASURER AS PROVIDED BY LAW. THE STATE TREASURER SHALL  
18      CREDIT ALL INTEREST AND INCOME DERIVED FROM THE DEPOSIT AND  
19      INVESTMENT OF MONEY IN THE FUND TO THE FUND. THE STATE TREASURER  
20      SHALL TRANSFER ALL UNEXPENDED AND UNENCUMBERED MONEY  
21      REMAINING IN THE FUND AS OF JULY 1, 2025, TO THE GENERAL FUND.

22                   (2) THE CHAIR OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE LEGISLATIVE  
23      COUNCIL SHALL APPROVE ANY COMPENSATION PROVIDED FOR IN SECTIONS  
24      18-1.9-103 (1)(g), 18-1.9-104 (2)(h) AND 18-1.9-105 FOR MEMBERS OF  
25      THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, SPECIFIED MEMBERS OF THE TASK FORCE, AND  
26      STAFF ASSISTANCE TO THE COMMITTEE AND TASK FORCE, AS PROVIDED BY  
27      THE DIRECTOR OF RESEARCH OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AND THE

1 DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE LEGAL SERVICES.  
2 COMPENSATION MUST BE PAID BY VOUCHERS AND WARRANTS DRAWN AS  
3 PROVIDED BY LAW FROM MONEY APPROPRIATED FOR SUCH PURPOSE AND  
4 ALLOCATED TO THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL  
5 FROM THE FUND.

6 **18-1.9-107. Repeal of article.** THIS ARTICLE 1.9 IS REPEALED,  
7 EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2027.

8 **SECTION 2. Appropriation.** (1) For the 2022-23 state fiscal  
9 year, \$106,643 is appropriated to the legislative department. This  
10 appropriation is from the general fund. To implement this act, the  
11 department may use this appropriation as follows:

12 (a) \$28,053 for use by the general assembly;

13 (b) \$60,255 for use by the legislative council, which amount is  
14 based on an assumption that the legislative council will require an  
15 additional 0.8 FTE; and

16 (b) \$18,335 for use by the office of legislative legal services,  
17 which amount is based on an assumption that the office will require an  
18 additional 0.2 FTE.

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