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SENATE BILL 25-235

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING REPEALING REQUIREMENTS RELATED TO FUNDING**
102 **EMERGENCY TEMPORARY CARE FOR CHILDREN, AND, IN**
103 **CONNECTION THEREWITH, REDUCING APPROPRIATIONS.**

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/>.)

Joint Budget Committee. Existing law repeals the following provisions on June 30, 2026; the bill changes the repeal date to June 30, 2025:

- The requirement that the general assembly annually appropriate money to the state department of human

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services sufficient to fund 5 nights of care for each juvenile placed in a licensed temporary shelter;

- The process for a judicial district to receive a share of the money appropriated for temporary shelter placements; and
- The requirement that the house of representatives public and behavioral health and human services committee and the senate health and human services committee annually hold a joint meeting about the recommendations from the working group for criteria for placement of juvenile offenders (working group) regarding the placement of juveniles.

The bill repeals the requirement for the working group to create a formula for the allocation of money to judicial districts for the provision of temporary shelter for juveniles.

The bill decreases the state fiscal year 2025-26 appropriation to the department of human services for purchase of contract placements by \$175,008 and for program administration related to community programs by \$7,560.

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 19-2.5-1407, **amend**
3 (3)(f) as follows:

4 **19-2.5-1407. Appropriations to department of human services**
5 **for services to juveniles - definition - repeal.** (3) (f) This subsection (3)
6 is repealed, effective ~~June 30, 2026~~ JUNE 30, 2025.

7 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 19-2.5-1404, **repeal**
8 (1)(b)(X) as follows:

9 **19-2.5-1404. Working group for criteria for placement of**
10 **juvenile offenders - establishment of formula - review of criteria -**
11 **report.** (1) (b) The working group shall carry out the following duties:

12 (X) ~~Before July 1, 2022, to create a formula for the allocation of~~
13 ~~money to judicial districts pursuant to section 19-2.5-1407 (3) for the~~
14 ~~provision of temporary shelter for juveniles.~~

15 **SECTION 3. Appropriation - adjustments to 2025 long bill.**

1 (1) To implement this act, general fund appropriations made in the
2 annual general appropriation act for the 2025-26 state fiscal year to the
3 department of human services for use by the division of youth services
4 are adjusted as follows:

5 (a) The appropriation for purchase of contract placements is
6 decreased by \$175,008; and

7 (b) The appropriation for program administration related to
8 community programs is decreased by \$7,560.

9 (2) The decrease of the appropriation in subsection (1)(a) of this
10 section is based on the assumption that the anticipated amount of federal
11 funds received for the 2025-26 state fiscal year by the department of
12 human services for purchase of contract placements will decrease by
13 \$17,309. This figure is subject to the "(I)" notation as defined in the
14 annual general appropriation act for the same fiscal year.

15 **SECTION 4. Safety clause.** The general assembly finds,
16 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate
17 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety or for appropriations for
18 the support and maintenance of the departments of the state and state
19 institutions.