SENATE COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE REPORT

April 28, 2022
Chair of Committee Date
Committee on <u>Judiciary</u> .
After consideration on the merits, the Committee recommends the following:
HB22-1326 be amended as follows, and as so amended, be referred to the Committee on Appropriations with favorable recommendation:
Amend reengrossed bill, page 31, line 20, strike "APPROVED BY THE FEDERAL FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION".
Page 31, line 23, strike "(1)" and substitute "(1); and add (3)".
Page 32, lines 11 and 12, strike "THREE DOSES OF AN OPIATE ANTAGONIST" and substitute "EIGHT MILLIGRAMS OF AN OPIOID ANTAGONIST VIA INHALATION OR ITS EQUIVALENT".
Page 32, after line 21 insert:
"(3) AS USED IN THIS SECTION, "OPIOID ANTAGONIST" MEANS NALOXONE HYDROCHLORIDE OR ANY SIMILARLY ACTING DRUG THAT IS NOT A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE AND THAT IS APPROVED BY THE FEDERAL FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION FOR THE TREATMENT OF A DRUG OVERDOSE.".
Page 32, line 23, strike "(1)" and substitute "(1); and add (3)".
Page 33, lines 11 and 12, strike "THREE DOSES OF AN OPIATE ANTAGONIST" and substitute "EIGHT MILLIGRAMS OF AN OPIOID ANTAGONIST VIA INHALATION OR ITS EQUIVALENT".
Page 33, after line 21 insert:

"(3) AS USED IN THIS SECTION, "OPIOID ANTAGONIST" MEANS

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NOT A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE AND THAT IS APPROVED BY THE FEDERAL

- 1 FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION FOR THE TREATMENT OF A DRUG
- 2 OVERDOSE.".
- 3 Page 34, strike lines 8 through 14 and substitute:
- 4 "(b) (I) STARTING ON OR BEFORE JULY 1, 2023, A COMMUNITY
- 5 CORRECTIONS PROGRAM ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION SHALL
- 6 DEVELOP PROTOCOLS TO IDENTIFY WITHDRAWAL SYMPTOMS, DETERMINE
- WHETHER A MEDICAL REFERRAL IS NEEDED, AND ENSURE INDIVIDUALS
- 8 HAVE ACCESS TO APPROPRIATE MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS AS NECESSARY.
- 9 IN INSTANCES WHEN A MEDICALLY SUPERVISED DETOXIFICATION APPEARS
- 10 NECESSARY, COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS PROGRAM STAFF SHALL ASSIST
- 11 THE INDIVIDUAL WITH ACCESSING A LOCAL EMERGENCY PROVIDER OR
- 12 MANAGED SERVICE ORGANIZATION FOR NECESSARY TREATMENT.
- 13 (II) STARTING ON OR BEFORE JULY 1, 2023, A COMMUNITY
- 14 CORRECTIONS PROGRAM ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION SHALL
- 15 PROVIDE MEDICATION-ASSISTED TREATMENT. IF A COMMUNITY
- 16 CORRECTIONS PROGRAM DOES NOT PROVIDE MEDICATION-ASSISTED
- 17 TREATMENT, COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS PROGRAM STAFF SHALL ASSIST
- 18 THE INDIVIDUAL WITH ACCESSING A COMMUNITY-BASED MEDICATION-
- 19 ASSISTED TREATMENT PROVIDER. A COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS PROGRAM
- 20 THAT DOES NOT PROVIDE A MEDICATION-ASSISTED TREATMENT PURSUANT
- 21 TO THIS SUBSECTION (12), SHALL SUBMIT A REPORT BY JULY 1, 2023, TO
- 22 THE DIVISION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY
- 23 DESCRIBING THE BARRIERS TO OFFERING THE SERVICES AND WHAT
- 24 RESOURCES ARE NECESSARY TO PROVIDE MEDICATION-ASSISTED
- 25 TREATMENT.".
- Page 36, lines 4 and 5, strike "APPROVED BY THE FEDERAL FOOD AND
- 27 DRUG ADMINISTRATION" and substitute "THAT IS".
- Page 36, line 11, after "means" insert "A PRESCRIPTION DRUG OUTLET, AS
- 29 DEFINED BY SECTION 12-280-103 (43), OR".
- Page 38, lines 2 and 3, strike "APPROVED BY THE FEDERAL FOOD AND
- 31 DRUG ADMINISTRATION".
- Page 40, strike lines 12 and 13 and substitute:
- 33 "(VI) A BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ENTITY, AS DEFINED IN SECTION
- 34 25-27.6-102 (6); OR".
- 35 Page 43, line 7, strike "and **add** (7)".
- Page 44, strike lines 1 through 7.

- 1 Page 44, line 9, strike "and **add** (7)".
- 2 Page 45, strike lines 3 through 9.
- Page 49, line 14, strike "2024." and substitute "2024 OBTAINED FROM THE
- 4 COLORADO JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT AND TREATMENT PROVIDERS SERVING
- 5 THE PROBATION POPULATION.".
- 6 Page 49, line 22, strike "18-18-403.5" and substitute "18-18-403.5"
- 7 (2.5)(a)".
- 8 Page 50, line 18, strike "INDIGENT;" and substitute "INDIGENT.".
- 9 Page 50, after line 18, insert:
- 10 "(3) AT A MINIMUM, THE INDEPENDENT ENTITY SHALL IDENTIFY
- 11 AND REPORT FINDINGS BASED ON AVAILABLE DATA AND INFORMATION
- 12 OBTAINED FROM THE OFFICE OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH, THE DEPARTMENT
- 13 OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT, MANAGED SERVICE
- 14 ORGANIZATIONS, AND OTHER APPLICABLE AGENCIES AND TREATMENT
- 15 PROVIDERS, REGARDING:".
- Page 50, line 19, strike "(b)" and substitute "(a)".
- 17 Reletter succeeding paragraphs accordingly.
- Page 51, line 22, strike "AND".
- 19 Page 51, strike line 26 and substitute:
- 20 "PROBATION, PAROLE, OR PRETRIAL RELEASE;
- 21 (g) The managed service organizations contracts
- $22 \qquad \text{Developed pursuant to section } 27\text{-}80\text{-}107.8\,\text{to provide short-term}$
- 23 RESIDENTIAL PLACEMENT FOR WITHDRAWAL MANAGEMENT, CRISIS
- 24 STABILIZATION, OR MEDICATION-ASSISTED TREATMENT, INCLUDING THE
- NUMBER OF FACILITIES, THEIR LOCATION, SERVICES PROVIDED, AND THE
- 26 NUMBER OF PERSONS SERVED; AND
- 27 (h) THE TRAINING AND COORDINATION EFFORTS DEVELOPED AND
- 28 IMPLEMENTED BY THE MANAGED SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS WITH FIRST
- 29 RESPONDERS AND REFERRING ENTITIES REGARDING THE AVAILABLE
- 30 SERVICES TO BE UTILIZED IN LIEU OF ARREST AND TRANSPORT TO JAIL.
- 31 (4) THE INDEPENDENT ENTITY SHALL REQUEST ALL NECESSARY
- 32 DATA NECESSARY TO COMPLETE THE STUDY, AND EACH AGENCY OR
- 33 ORGANIZATION SHALL ESTABLISH ANY DATA SHARING AGREEMENT
- 34 NECESSARY, SUBJECT TO ALL FEDERAL AND STATE PRIVACY LAWS

- 1 NECESSARY TO PROTECT PRIVACY, TO SUPPORT THE STUDY.".
- 2 Renumber succeeding subsections accordingly.
- Page 52, line 24, strike "2024." and substitute "2024 OBTAINED FROM THE
- 4 COLORADO JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT AND TREATMENT PROVIDERS SERVING
- 5 THE PROBATION POPULATION.".
- 6 Page 53, line 5, strike "18-18-403.5" and substitute "18-18-403.5"
- 7 (2.5)(a)".
- 8 Page 54, line 1, strike "INDIGENT;" and substitute "INDIGENT.".
- 9 Page 54, after line 1, insert:
- 10 "(3) AT A MINIMUM, THE INDEPENDENT ENTITY SHALL IDENTIFY
- 11 AND REPORT FINDINGS BASED ON AVAILABLE DATA AND INFORMATION
- 12 OBTAINED FROM THE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ADMINISTRATION, THE
- 13 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT, MANAGED SERVICE
- 14 ORGANIZATIONS, AND OTHER APPLICABLE AGENCIES AND TREATMENT
- 15 PROVIDERS, REGARDING:".
- Page 54, line 2, strike "(b)" and substitute "(a)".
- 17 Reletter succeeding paragraphs accordingly.
- Page 55, line 5, strike "AND".
- 19 Page 55, strike line 9 and substitute:
- 20 "PROBATION, PAROLE, OR PRETRIAL RELEASE;
- 21 (g) The managed service organization contracts
- $22 \qquad \text{DEVELOPED PURSUANT TO SECTION 27-80-107.8 TO PROVIDE SHORT-TERM} \\$
- 23 RESIDENTIAL PLACEMENT FOR WITHDRAWAL MANAGEMENT, CRISIS
- 24 STABILIZATION, OR MEDICATION-ASSISTED TREATMENT, INCLUDING THE
- NUMBER OF FACILITIES, THEIR LOCATION, SERVICES PROVIDED, AND THE
- NUMBER OF PERSONS SERVED; AND
- 27 (h) The training and coordination efforts developed and 28 implemented betweenmanaged service organizations, first
- 29 RESPONDERS, AND REFERRING ENTITIES REGARDING THE AVAILABLE
- 30 SERVICES TO BE UTILIZED IN LIEU OF ARREST AND TRANSPORT TO JAIL.
- 31 (4) THE INDEPENDENT ENTITY SHALL REQUEST ALL NECESSARY
- 32 DATA NECESSARY TO COMPLETE THE STUDY, AND EACH AGENCY OR
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- 34 NECESSARY, SUBJECT TO ALL FEDERAL AND STATE PRIVACY LAWS

- 1 NECESSARY TO PROTECT PRIVACY, TO SUPPORT THE STUDY.".
- 2 Renumber succeeding subsections accordingly.
- 3 Page 58, strike lines 1 through 21 and substitute:

- "24-33.5-525. Synthetic opioid poisoning investigation and distribution interdiction grant program creation duties rules reports appropriation definition repeal. (1) There is created in the division the synthetic opioid poisoning investigation and distribution interdiction grant program, referred to in this section as the "grant program", to provide grants to law enforcement agencies for the purpose of investigating deaths caused by synthetic opioid poisoning and disrupting synthetic opioid supplies.
- (2) A LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY MAY APPLY FOR A GRANT FOR THE FOLLOWING PURPOSES ONLY:
- (a) INVESTIGATING DEATHS AND SERIOUS INJURIES CAUSED BY ILLEGAL SYNTHETIC OPIOID POISONING;
- (b) INVESTIGATING, ENFORCING, AND PROSECUTING SYNTHETIC OPIOID IMPORTATION AND HIGH-LEVEL DISTRIBUTION NETWORKS, INCLUDING MULTIJURISDICTIONAL AND MULTISTATE INVESTIGATIONS AND ENFORCEMENT OPERATIONS, TO REDUCE THE SUPPLY OF ILLEGAL SYNTHETIC OPIOIDS AND PRECURSOR CHEMICALS IN COLORADO;
- (c) Technology, equipment, and training to enhance intelligence, information-sharing capabilities, and interagency collaboration among federal, state, and local law enforcement partners regarding synthetic opioid importation and high-level distribution networks; and
- 27 (d) ANALYZING EMERGENT TRENDS IN MARKETS, INCLUDING THE
 28 USE OF THE POSTAL SERVICE, PRIVATE COURIER, COMMERCIAL CARGO, AND
 29 THE INTERNET, FOR THE IMPORT AND DISTRIBUTION OF ILLEGAL SYNTHETIC
 30 OPIOIDS THROUGH A SYSTEMATIC AND STANDARDIZED APPROACH,
 31 INCLUDING THE USE OF NOVEL, HIGH-FREQUENCY, AND REAL-TIME
 32 SYSTEMS TO ENHANCE MARKET SURVEILLANCE.".
 - Page 59, strike lines 1 through 11 and substitute:
- "(4) THE DIVISION MAY PROMULGATE SUCH RULES AS MAY BE
 NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THE GRANT PROGRAM, INCLUDING RULES
 CONCERNING REQUIRED PERFORMANCE METRICS, DATA COLLECTION, AND
 OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION THAT GRANTEES ARE REQUIRED TO
 REPORT PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (5) OF THIS SECTION.

- (5) (a) On or before August 1, 2023, and on or before 1 2 AUGUST 1 EACH YEAR THEREAFTER, EACH GRANT RECIPIENT THAT RECEIVED A GRANT THROUGH THE GRANT PROGRAM IN THE PRECEDING 4 STATE FISCAL YEAR SHALL SUBMIT A NARRATIVE AND FINANCIAL REPORT OF GRANT EXPENSES TO THE DIVISION IN A FORMAT REQUIRED BY THE 6 DIVISION. AT A MINIMUM, THE REPORT MUST INCLUDE A DESCRIPTION OF 7 THE USES OF THE GRANT MONEY, INCLUDING METRICS, DATA, AND OTHER 8 RELEVANT INFORMATION REQUIRED BY THE DIVISION, DURING THE 9 APPLICABLE GRANT TERM. THE DIVISION MAY PROMULGATE RULES 10 REGARDING REPORTING REQUIREMENTS, INCLUDING ADDITIONAL 11 INFORMATION TO BE INCLUDED IN THE REPORT.".
- 12 Page 59, after line 18 insert:

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- "(6) THE DIVISION SHALL CONSULT THE P.O.S.T. BOARD DIRECTOR, OR THE DIRECTOR'S DESIGNEE, AND THE DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL OF THE DIVISION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF LAW, CREATED IN SECTION 24-31-102 (2), CONCERNING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS SECTION, INCLUDING RECOMMENDATIONS FOR POTENTIAL GRANT RECIPIENTS AND EXPENDITURES.".
- 19 Renumber succeeding subsections accordingly.
- 20 Page 60, after line 5 insert:
 - "**SECTION 39.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 24-31-115 as follows:
 - **24-31-115. Online fentanyl trafficking study report appropriation repeal.** (1) The attorney general shall study the use of the internet, including retail, payment, and social media platforms, for the purpose of trafficking fentanyl, fentanyl analogs or compounds thereof, synthetic opioids, and counterfeit prescription drugs.
 - (2) THE STUDY MUST, AT A MINIMUM:
 - (a) EXAMINE THE PREVALENCE OF THE AVAILABILITY AND ACCESSIBILITY FOR FENTANYL, FENTANYL ANALOGS OR COMPOUNDS THEREOF, SYNTHETIC OPIOIDS, AND COUNTERFEIT PRESCRIPTION DRUGS THROUGH THE INTERNET;
 - (b) IDENTIFY WEBSITE POLICIES AND PRACTICES INTENDED TO PREVENT THE USE OF THE WEBSITE FOR TRAFFICKING FENTANYL, FENTANYL ANALOGS OR COMPOUNDS THEREOF, SYNTHETIC OPIOIDS, AND COUNTERFEIT PRESCRIPTION DRUGS;
- 38 (c) Identify laws implemented by other states or the 39 federal government intended to prevent the use of the internet 40 for trafficking fentanyl, fentanyl analogs or compounds

THEREOF, SYNTHETIC OPIOIDS, AND COUNTERFEIT PRESCRIPTION DRUGS;

- (d) Examine any other relevant data, information, or resources, as deemed necessary by the department of law, concerning the use of the internet for trafficking fentanyl, fentanyl analogs or compounds thereof, synthetic opioids, and counterfeit prescription drugs.
- (3) BY MARCH 1,2023, THE ATTORNEY GENERAL SHALL COMPLETE AND PUBLISH A REPORT OF ITS FINDINGS PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (2) OF THIS SECTION. THE REPORT MUST ALSO INCLUDE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR POTENTIAL STATE LEGISLATION:
- (a) TO PREVENT THE USE OF THE INTERNET FOR TRAFFICKING, DISTRIBUTING, OR SUPPLYING FENTANYL, FENTANYL ANALOGS OR COMPOUNDS THEREOF, SYNTHETIC OPIOIDS, AND COUNTERFEIT PRESCRIPTION DRUGS;
- (b) CONCERNING CRIMINAL AND CIVIL LIABILITY FOR THE USE OF THE INTERNET FOR TRAFFICKING, DISTRIBUTING, OR SUPPLYING FENTANYL, FENTANYL ANALOGS OR COMPOUNDS THEREOF, SYNTHETIC OPIOIDS, AND COUNTERFEIT PRESCRIPTION DRUGS;
- (c) REGARDING CONSUMER REPORTING MECHANISMS FOR REPORTING TO LAW ENFORCEMENT OR THE ONLINE PLATFORM THE USE OF A WEBSITE OR ONLINE ACCOUNT FOR TRAFFICKING FENTANYL, FENTANYL ANALOGS OR COMPOUNDS THEREOF, SYNTHETIC OPIOIDS, AND COUNTERFEIT PRESCRIPTION DRUGS; AND
- (d) REGARDING-ANY OTHER PUBLIC POLICY CHANGES NECESSARY TO REDUCE OR ELIMINATE THE USE THE INTERNET FOR TRAFFICKING, DISTRIBUTING, OR SUPPLYING FENTANYL, FENTANYL ANALOGS OR COMPOUNDS THEREOF, SYNTHETIC OPIOIDS, AND COUNTERFEIT PRESCRIPTION DRUGS.
- (4) THE ATTORNEY GENERAL SHALL INVITE THE UNITED STATES ATTORNEY FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLORADO TO COLLABORATE, CONSULT, OR PROVIDE ANY AVAILABLE ASSISTANCE IN THE PERFORMANCE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S DUTIES PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION.
- (5) By March 1, 2023, the attorney general shall submit the completed report pursuant to subsection (3) of this section to the house of representatives and senate judiciary committees, or any successor committees.
- (6) FOR THE 2022-23 STATE FISCAL YEAR, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY SHALL APPROPRIATE AT LEAST ONE HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF LAW FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION.
 - (7) This section is repealed, effective July 1, 2023.

SECTION 40. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 18-18-204, **amend** (2)(b) introductory portion and (2)(b)(V) as follows:

- **18-18-204. Schedule II.** (2) Unless specifically excepted by Colorado or federal law or Colorado or federal regulation or more specifically included in another schedule, the following controlled substances are listed in schedule II:
- (b) Any of the following synthetic opiates OPIOIDS, including any isomers, esters, ethers, salts, and salts of isomers, esters, and ethers of them that are theoretically possible within the specific chemical designation:
 - (V) Carfentanal CARFENTANIL;

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SECTION 41. In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 27-60-114 as follows:

- **27-60-114.** Study of health effects of felonizing fentanyl possession repeal. (1) No Later than November 1, 2022, the office shall contract with an independent nonprofit or educational entity that has expertise in clinical epidemiology, biostatistics, substance use and addiction, data collection and analysis, and, if possible, the intersection between the criminal justice system and substance use, to conduct an independent study of the health effects of criminal penalties pursuant to changes to section 18-18-403.5 (2.5) in House Bill 22-1326, enacted in 2022. At a minimum, the study must address the following:
- (a) WHETHER THE PENALTIES PURSUANT TO SECTION 18-18-403.5 (2.5):
- (I) DECREASED FENTANYL-RELATED OVERDOSES, BOTH FATAL AND NONFATAL, AMONG INDIVIDUALS CHARGED WITH A FELONY COMPARED TO INDIVIDUALS CHARGED WITH MISDEMEANOR PURSUANT TO SECTION 18-18-403.5 (2.5), AND COMPARED TO INDIVIDUALS WITH OPIOID MISUSE OR USE DISORDER NOT CHARGED WITH CRIMINAL POSSESSION OF OPIOIDS; OR
- (II) INCREASED INITIATION AND RETENTION OF EVIDENCE-BASED, EFFECTIVE TREATMENT FOR INDIVIDUALS CHARGED WITH AN OPIOID USE DISORDER AMONG INDIVIDUALS CHARGED WITH A FELONY COMPARED TO INDIVIDUALS CHARGED WITH MISDEMEANOR PURSUANT TO SECTION 18-18-403.5 (2.5), AND COMPARED TO INDIVIDUALS WITH OPIOID MISUSE OR USE DISORDER WHO WERE NOT CHARGED WITH CRIMINAL POSSESSION OF OPIOIDS;
- (b) DIFFERENTIAL HEALTHOUTCOMES FOR INDIVIDUALS BASED ON THE INDIVIDUAL'S RACE, GENDER, ETHNICITY, AGE, ECONOMIC STATUS, PREGNANCY OR POSTPARTUM STATUS, OR HOUSING STATUS, FOR INDIVIDUALS CHARGED WITH A FELONY PURSUANT TO SECTION

18-18-403.5 (2.5), COMPARED TO INDIVIDUALS CHARGED WITH A MISDEMEANOR PURSUANT TO SECTION 18-18-403.5 (2.5), AND COMPARED TO INDIVIDUALS WITH OPIOID MISUSE OR USE DISORDERS WHO WERE NOT CHARGED PURSUANT TO SECTION 18-18-403.5 (2.5). DIFFERENTIAL HEALTH OUTCOMES TO CONSIDER INCLUDE, BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO, FATAL AND NONFATAL OVERDOSES AND INITIATION AND RETENTION ON MEDICATIONS FOR OPIOID USE DISORDER.

- (c) Whether effective, evidence-based treatment for opioid use disorder in the general population diminished in quality or quantity as a result of individuals ordered by the court into treatment based on charges brought pursuant to section 18-18-403.5 (2.5); and
- (d) Whether Penalties Pursuant to Section 18-18-403.5 (2.5) IMPACT THE LIKELIHOOD OF INDIVIDUALS ADDICTED TO FENTANYL TO SEEK OR RECEIVE TREATMENT, PROVIDE HELP TO ANOTHER PERSON IN THE CASE OF AN OVERDOSE, OR UTILIZE NALOXONE, NON-LABORATORY SYNTHETIC OPIOID DETECTION TESTS, AND OTHER HARM REDUCTION RESOURCES.
- (2) (a) The office shall make reasonable efforts to provide necessary data requested by the independent entity to complete the study required pursuant to subsection (1) of this section. The office shall establish a data-sharing agreement with, at a minimum, the department of public health and environment, the department of health care policy and financing, the judicial department, the department of corrections, the department of regulatory agencies, and, if feasible, county sheriffs and county coroners, to provide data to the independent entity including, but not limited to:
- (I) ALL REASONABLY AVAILABLE CRIMINAL JUSTICE DATA REQUESTED BY THE INDEPENDENT ENTITY;
- (II) OPIOID OVERDOSE DEATH RECORDS, INCLUDING TOXICOLOGY REPORTS, IF AVAILABLE;
- (III) PRESCRIPTION DATA FOR MEDICATION FOR OPIOID USE DISORDER, INCLUDING FOR INDIVIDUALS IN JAIL OR PRISON CHARGED PURSUANT TO SECTION 18-18-403.5 (2.5);
- (IV) ENCOUNTERS WITH EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES PROVIDERS, LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES, OR HEALTH-CARE FACILITIES FOR FATAL AND NONFATAL FENTANYL OR OTHER OPIOID-RELATED OVERDOSE; AND
- (V) AVAILABLE INFORMATION REGARDING THE HISTORY OF OVERDOSE, INCARCERATION, AND SUBSTANCE USE TREATMENT FOR INDIVIDUALS CHARGED PURSUANT TO SECTION 18-18-403.5 (2.5), INCLUDING WHETHER THE INDIVIDUAL HAS SOUGHT AND BEEN DENIED

ON-DEMAND TREATMENT.

- (b) THE INDEPENDENT ENTITY MAY PERFORM A QUALITATIVE ASSESSMENT BY, AT A MINIMUM, CONDUCTING FOCUS GROUPS OR INTERVIEWS WITH A REPRESENTATIVE SAMPLE OF INDIVIDUALS WHO USE DRUGS AND SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER CARE PROVIDERS AND HARM REDUCTION PROVIDERS ACROSS THE STATE AND CONTINUUM.
- (c) No later than December 31, 2024, the independent entity shall submit a comprehensive report of the entity's findings to the office.
- (d) No later than January 31, 2025, the office shall publish the report on the office's website and submit the report to the house of representatives judiciary committee, the house of representatives public and behavioral health and human services committee, the senate health and human services committee, and the senate judiciary committee, or their successor committees.
- (3) THE COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH PERFORMING THE STUDY PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION MUST BE PAID FROM THE CORRECTIONAL TREATMENT CASH FUND CREATED IN SECTION 18-19-103 (4).
 - (4) This section is repealed, effective July 1, 2025.
- **SECTION 42.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 18-19-103, **amend** (5)(c)(VI) and (5)(c)(VII); and **add** (5)(c)(VIII) as follows:
- 18-19-103. Source of revenues allocation of money repeal. (5) (c) The board may direct that money in the correctional treatment cash fund may be used for the following purposes:
 - (VI) Recovery support services, including offender reentry; and
- (VII) Administrative support to the correctional treatment board including, but not limited to, facilitating and coordinating data collection, conducting data analysis, developing contracts, preparing reports, scheduling and staffing board and subcommittee meetings, and engaging in budget planning and analysis; AND
- (VIII) (A) THE STUDY OF HEALTH EFFECTS OF FELONIZING FENTANYL POSSESSION PURSUANT TO SECTION 27-60-114.
- (B) This subsection (5)(c)(VIII) is repealed, effective July 1, 2025.
 - SECTION 43. In Colorado Revised Statutes, add 27-50-802, as part 8 of article 50 of title 27 as added by House Bill 22-1278, as follows:
- **27-50-802.** Study of health effects of felonizing fentanyl possession repeal. (1) No Later than November 1, 2022, the BHA SHALL CONTRACT WITH AN INDEPENDENT NONPROFIT OR EDUCATIONAL ENTITY THAT HAS EXPERTISE IN CLINICAL EPIDEMIOLOGY, BIOSTATISTICS, SUBSTANCE USE AND ADDICTION, DATA COLLECTION AND ANALYSIS, AND,

IF POSSIBLE, THE INTERSECTION BETWEEN THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM AND SUBSTANCE USE, TO CONDUCT AN INDEPENDENT STUDY OF THE HEALTH EFFECTS OF CRIMINAL PENALTIES PURSUANT TO CHANGES TO SECTION 18-18-403.5 (2.5) IN HOUSE BILL 22-1326, ENACTED IN 2022. AT A MINIMUM, THE STUDY MUST ADDRESS THE FOLLOWING:

- (a) WHETHER THE PENALTIES PURSUANT TO SECTION 18-18-403.5 (2.5):
- (I) DECREASED FENTANYL-RELATED OVERDOSES, BOTH FATAL AND NONFATAL, AMONG INDIVIDUALS CHARGED WITH A FELONY COMPARED TO INDIVIDUALS CHARGED WITH MISDEMEANOR PURSUANT TO SECTION 18-18-403.5 (2.5), AND COMPARED TO INDIVIDUALS WITH OPIOID MISUSE OR USE DISORDER NOT CHARGED WITH CRIMINAL POSSESSION OF OPIOIDS; OR
- (II) INCREASED INITIATION AND RETENTION OF EVIDENCE-BASED, EFFECTIVE TREATMENT FOR INDIVIDUALS CHARGED WITH AN OPIOID USE DISORDER AMONG INDIVIDUALS CHARGED WITH A FELONY COMPARED TO INDIVIDUALS CHARGED WITH MISDEMEANOR PURSUANT TO SECTION 18-18-403.5 (2.5), AND COMPARED TO INDIVIDUALS WITH OPIOID MISUSE OR USE DISORDER WHO WERE NOT CHARGED WITH CRIMINAL POSSESSION OF OPIOIDS;
- (b) Differential Health outcomes for individuals based on the individual's race, gender, ethnicity, age, economic status, pregnancy or postpartum status, or housing status, for individuals charged with a felony pursuant to section 18-18-403.5 (2.5), compared to individuals charged with a misdemeanor pursuant to section 18-18-403.5 (2.5), and compared to individuals with opioid misuse or use disorders who were not charged pursuant to section 18-18-403.5 (2.5). Differential health outcomes to consider include, but are not limited to, fatal and nonfatal overdoses and initiation and retention on medications for opioid use disorder.
- (c) Whether effective, evidence-based treatment for opioid use disorder in the general population diminished in quality or quantity as a result of individuals ordered by the court into treatment based on charges brought pursuant to section 18-18-403.5 (2.5); and
- (d) Whether Penalties Pursuant to Section 18-18-403.5 (2.5) IMPACT THE LIKELIHOOD OF INDIVIDUALS ADDICTED TO FENTANYL TO SEEK OR RECEIVE TREATMENT, PROVIDE HELP TO ANOTHER PERSON IN THE CASE OF AN OVERDOSE, OR UTILIZE NALOXONE, NON-LABORATORY SYNTHETIC OPIOID DETECTION TESTS, AND OTHER HARM REDUCTION RESOURCES.
 - (2) (a) THE BHA SHALL MAKE REASONABLE EFFORTS TO PROVIDE

- 1 NECESSARY DATA REQUESTED BY THE INDEPENDENT ENTITY TO COMPLETE 2 THE STUDY REQUIRED PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS SECTION. THE BHA SHALL ESTABLISH A DATA-SHARING AGREEMENT WITH, AT A 4 MINIMUM, THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT, THE 5 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH CARE POLICY AND FINANCING, THE JUDICIAL 6 DEPARTMENT, THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS, THE DEPARTMENT OF 7 REGULATORY AGENCIES, AND, IF FEASIBLE, COUNTY SHERIFFS AND 8 COUNTY CORONERS, TO PROVIDE DATA TO THE INDEPENDENT ENTITY 9 INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO:
 - ALL REASONABLY AVAILABLE CRIMINAL JUSTICE DATA REQUESTED BY THE INDEPENDENT ENTITY;

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- (II) OPIOID OVERDOSE DEATH RECORDS, INCLUDING TOXICOLOGY REPORTS, IF AVAILABLE;
- (III) PRESCRIPTION DATA FOR MEDICATION FOR OPIOID USE DISORDER, INCLUDING FOR INDIVIDUALS IN JAIL OR PRISON CHARGED PURSUANT TO SECTION 18-18-403.5 (2.5);
- (IV) ENCOUNTERS WITH EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES PROVIDERS, LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES, OR HEALTH-CARE FACILITIES FOR FATAL AND NONFATAL FENTANYL OR OTHER OPIOID-RELATED OVERDOSE; AND
- (V) AVAILABLE INFORMATION REGARDING THE HISTORY OF OVERDOSE, INCARCERATION, AND SUBSTANCE USE TREATMENT FOR INDIVIDUALS CHARGED PURSUANT TO SECTION 18-18-403.5 (2.5), INCLUDING WHETHER THE INDIVIDUAL HAS SOUGHT AND BEEN DENIED ON-DEMAND TREATMENT.
- (b) THE INDEPENDENT ENTITY MAY PERFORM A QUALITATIVE ASSESSMENT BY, AT A MINIMUM, CONDUCTING FOCUS GROUPS OR INTERVIEWS WITH A REPRESENTATIVE SAMPLE OF INDIVIDUALS WHO USE DRUGS AND SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER CARE PROVIDERS AND HARM REDUCTION PROVIDERS ACROSS THE STATE AND CONTINUUM.
- (c) No later than December 31, 2024, the independent ENTITY SHALL SUBMIT A COMPREHENSIVE REPORT OF THE ENTITY'S FINDINGS TO THE BHA.
- (d) No Later than January 31, 2025, the BHA shall publish THE REPORT ON THE BHA'S WEBSITE AND SUBMIT THE REPORT TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES JUDICIARY COMMITTEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES PUBLIC AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE, THE SENATE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE, AND THE SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE, OR THEIR SUCCESSOR COMMITTEES, AS PART OF ITS "STATE MEASUREMENT FOR ACCOUNTABLE, RESPONSIVE, AND TRANSPARENT (SMART) GOVERNMENT ACT" PRESENTATION REQUIRED PURSUANT TO SECTION
- 42 43 2-7-203.

(3) THE COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH PERFORMING THE STUDY PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION MUST BE PAID FROM THE CORRECTIONAL TREATMENT CASH FUND CREATED IN SECTION 18-19-103 (4).

(4) This section is repealed, effective July 1, 2025.

SECTION 44. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 18-19-103, **amend** (5)(c)(VI) and (5)(c)(VII); and **add** (5)(c)(VIII) as follows:

- 18-19-103. Source of revenues allocation of money repeal. (5) (c) The board may direct that money in the correctional treatment cash fund may be used for the following purposes:
 - (VI) Recovery support services, including offender reentry; and
- (VII) Administrative support to the correctional treatment board including, but not limited to, facilitating and coordinating data collection, conducting data analysis, developing contracts, preparing reports, scheduling and staffing board and subcommittee meetings, and engaging in budget planning and analysis; AND
- (VIII) (A) THE STUDY OF HEALTH EFFECTS OF FELONIZING FENTANYL POSSESSION PURSUANT TO SECTION 27-50-802.
- 18 (B) This subsection (5)(c)(VIII) is repealed, effective July 1, 2025.
 - **SECTION 45.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 17-26-104.9, **amend** (1), (2), and (3); and **add** (1.5) and (4) as follows:
 - 17-26-104.9. Opioid treatment for a person in custody definitions repeal. (1) (a) A facility, whether operated by a governmental entity or private contractor, may make available opioid agonists and opioid antagonists to a person in custody with an opioid use disorder. The facility is strongly encouraged to maintain the treatment of the person throughout the duration of the person's incarceration, as medically necessary.
 - (b) This subsection (1) is repealed effective July 1, 2023.
 - (1.5) BY JULY 1, 2023, A FACILITY, WHETHER OPERATED BY A GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY OR PRIVATE CONTRACTOR, SHALL PROVIDE MEDICATION-ASSISTED TREATMENT, AND OTHER APPROPRIATE WITHDRAWAL MANAGEMENT CARE TO A PERSON WITH A SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER THROUGH THE DURATION OF THE PERSON'S INCARCERATION, AS MEDICALLY NECESSARY. AT A MINIMUM:
 - (a) The facility shall offer opioid agonist treatment to a person in custody with an opioid use disorder at intake to the facility or at the request of the person in custody. The facility shall only offer opioid antagonist treatment for opioid use disorder when specifically requested by the person or when medically necessary.
 - (b) THE FACILITY SHALL PERFORM A NON-MEDICAL EVALUATION

OF THE PERSON UPON ENTRY INTO CUSTODY AT THE FACILITY FOR SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER.

- (c) If the person indicates that the person has a substance use disorder, or the non-medical evaluation performed pursuant to subsection (1.5)(b) indicates that the person may have a substance use disorder, the facility shall refer the person to the facility's medical provider for an evaluation, and subsequent diagnosis, prescription, or induction of an opioid agonist, as medically appropriate.
- (d) THE FACILITY SHALL MAKE AVAILABLE DAILY A QUALIFIED MEDICATION ADMINISTRATION PERSONNEL.
- (e) If an individual is admitted to the jail and has a prescription for medication-assisted treatment, the jail shall continue the medication without delay.
- (2) Qualified medication administration personnel may, in accordance with a written physician's order, administer opioid agonists and opioid antagonists pursuant to subsection (1) AND (1.5) of this section.
- (3) A facility may contract with community-based health providers, LOCAL PROVIDERS, OR MOBILE UNIT PROVIDERS for the implementation of this section.
- (4) The Jail shall provide the individual with a referral to a substance use provider with the capability to continue the individual's medication-assisted treatment and the care coordination infrastructure described in section 27-60-204 upon release from custody.

SECTION 46. In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 27-60-106.7 as follows:

- 27-60-106.7. Technical assistance to jails appropriation repeal. (1) The office of Behavioral Health shall provide technical assistance to facilities in Meeting their requirements pursuant to section 17-26-104.9 (1.5). Technical assistance includes development and implementation of Medication-assisted treatment, approval of prescribers by the United States drug enforcement agency, and other appropriate withdrawal management care, and assistance with identifying bulk purchasing opportunities for necessary services.
- (2) (a) For the 2022-23 state fiscal year, the general assembly shall appropriate three million dollars from the behavioral health and mental health cash fund, created in section 24-75-230, to the office of behavioral health for the purpose of providing technical assistance to Jails with meeting their requirements pursuant to section 17-26-104.9.

(b) THIS SUBSECTION (2) IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024. **SECTION 47.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add 27-50-802**, **as part 8 of article 50 of title 27 as added by House Bill 22-1278**, as follows:

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27-50-802. Technical assistance to jails - appropriation - repeal. (1) The Behavioral Health administration shall provide technical assistance to facilities in Meeting their requirements pursuant to section 17-26-104.9 (1.5). Technical assistance includes development and implementation of Medication-assisted treatment, approval of prescribers by the United States drug enforcement agency, and other appropriate withdrawal management care, and assistance with identifying bulk purchasing opportunities for necessary services.

- (2) (a) For the 2022-23 state fiscal year, the general assembly shall appropriate three million dollars from the behavioral health and mental health cash fund, created in section 24-75-230, to the behavioral health administration for the purpose of providing technical assistance to Jails with meeting their requirements pursuant to section 17-26-104.9.
 - (b) This subsection (2) is repealed, effective July 1, 2024.

SECTION 48. In Colorado Revised Statutes, add part 14 to article 20.5 of title 25 as follows:

PART 14

OVERDOSE DETECTION MAPPING APPLICATION PROGRAM

25-20.5-1401. Overdose detection mapping application program. On or before July 1, 2023, the department shall require emergency medical service providers, coroners, every state or local law enforcement agency and sheriff's office in the state, and emergency departments to participate in the overdose detection mapping application program to report incidences of fatal and non-fatal drug overdoses and synthetic opioid poisonings. Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, law enforcement shall not use the overdose detection mapping application program for welfare checks, warrant checks, or criminal investigations.

SECTION 49. In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 27-60-114 as follows:

27-60-115. Colorado overdose prevention review committee - creation - duties - repeal. (1) On July 1, 2024, the Colorado overdose prevention review committee is created in the office, referred to in this section as the "committee", for the purpose of:

(a) REVIEWING SPECIFIC CASES OF NON-FATAL AND FATAL DRUG-RELATED OVERDOSES THAT OCCUR IN COLORADO;

- (b) IDENTIFYING THE CAUSES OF OVERDOSES AND OVERDOSE-RELATED DEATH AND CONDUCTING A REVIEW OF OTHER FACTORS INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, HOUSING STATUS OR CRIMINAL JUSTICE INVOLVEMENT;
- (c) DEVELOPING EVIDENCE-BASED RECOMMENDATIONS TO ADDRESS PREVENTABLE OVERDOSE-RELATED DEATH, INCLUDING LEGISLATION, POLICIES, AREAS FOR FURTHER SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH, RULES, TRAINING, AND BEST PRACTICES THAT WILL SUPPORT THE HEALTH AND SAFETY OF INDIVIDUALS WHO USE SUBSTANCES THAT MAY CAUSE OVERDOSE IN COLORADO AND PREVENT OVERDOSE-RELATED DEATHS; AND
- (d) Annually make policy-related and funding-related recommendations to the governor and the general assembly about drug trends, including synthetic drugs that may impact the health and well-being of Coloradans and that present a high risk for causing overdose-related deaths.
- (2) (a) THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE STATE DEPARTMENT SHALL APPOINT THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS TO SERVE ON THE COMMITTEE:
- (I) TWO MEMBERS WHO HAVE EXPERIENCED AN OVERDOSE OR HAVE A SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER;
- (II) TWO PHYSICIANS WITH EXPERTISE IN ADDICTION MEDICINE, ONE OF WHOM HAS EXPERTISE IN MEDICAL COMPLICATIONS OF SUBSTANCE USE;
- (III) TWO PUBLIC HEALTH OR EPIDEMIOLOGY EXPERTS WITH EXPERTISE IN SUBSTANCE USE;
- (IV) A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE DISTRICT ATTORNEYS APPOINTED BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE COLORADO DISTRICT ATTORNEYS' COUNCIL;
- (V) A REPRESENTATIVE OF COUNTY SHERIFFS, APPOINTED BY THE DIRECTOR OF A STATEWIDE ORGANIZATION REPRESENTING SHERIFFS;
- (VI) A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE CHIEFS OF POLICE, APPOINTED BY THE PRESIDENT OF A STATEWIDE ORGANIZATION OF CHIEFS OF POLICE;
 - (VII) A PUBLIC DEFENDER;
- (VIII) A REPRESENTATIVE FROM A HARM REDUCTION ORGANIZATION; AND
 - (IX) A SUBSTANCE USE TREATMENT OR RECOVERY PROVIDER.
- (b) EACH MEMBER'S TERM IS THREE YEARS; EXCEPT THAT THE TERM OF THE FIRST SIX MEMBERS APPOINTED IS TWO YEARS. MEMBERS MAY SERVE UP TO THREE TERMS. THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SHALL FILL ANY VACANCIES ON THE COMMITTEE.
- (c) THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SHALL MAKE AN EFFORT TO INCLUDE COMMITTEE MEMBERS WORKING IN AND REPRESENTING COMMUNITIES

THAT ARE DIVERSE WITH REGARD TO RACE, ETHNICITY, IMMIGRATION STATUS, ENGLISH PROFICIENCY, INCOME, WEALTH, AND GEOGRAPHIC REGION OF THE STATE, INCLUDING BOTH URBAN AND RURAL AREAS.

- (3) THE COMMITTEE MAY FORM SPECIAL AD HOC PANELS TO FURTHER INVESTIGATE DRUG TRENDS, OVERDOSES AND OVERDOSE-RELATED DEATHS WHEN THE NEED ARISES.
 - (4) THE COMMITTEE SHALL:

- (a) REVIEW A REPRESENTATIVE SUBSET OF NON-FATAL AND FATAL OVERDOSES IN COLORADO;
- (b) REVIEW MEDICAL RECORDS AND OTHER RELEVANT DATA RELATED TO EACH OVERDOSE DEATH, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, WHETHER THE PERSON WAS RECENTLY ENGAGED IN TREATMENT OR PREVIOUSLY INCARCERATED;
- (c) Take steps to improve the quality and scope of data obtained through investigations and review of overdoses and overdose-related deaths;
- (d) IDENTIFY TRENDS AND PATTERNS ACROSS RACIAL, GEOGRAPHIC, AND OTHER GROUPS RELATED TO OVERDOSES AND OVERDOSE-RELATED DEATHS;
- (e) DEVELOP EVIDENCE-BASED RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE PREVENTION OF OVERDOSES AND OVERDOSE-RELATED DEATHS AND DELIVER THE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE LEGISLATURE AND GOVERNOR;
- (f) Perform any other functions as resources allow to enhance the capability of the state to reduce and prevent overdoses and overdose-related deaths;
- (g) ADVISE THE OFFICE IN THE ADMINISTRATION'S WORK ON DECREASING OVERDOSES AND OVERDOSE-RELATED DEATHS;
- (h) Inform the legislature and governor of drug trends nationally, including if a new drug trend occurs and what the state may do to mitigate any forthcoming harm the drug may have on the state; and
- (i) FACILITATE THE DEVELOPMENT OF A COMPREHENSIVE STATEWIDE DATABASE FOR THE PURPOSE OF ADDRESSING THE OVERDOSE CRISIS.
- (5) THE OFFICE SHALL COMPILE REPORTS IN DISAGGREGATED AND DE-IDENTIFIED FORMS ON TRENDS OR OTHER FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS ON A BI-ANNUAL BASIS FOR DISTRIBUTION IN AN EFFORT TO FURTHER STUDY THE CAUSES AND PROBLEMS ASSOCIATED WITH OVERDOSES AND OVERDOSE-RELATED DEATHS THAT MAY BE DISTRIBUTED TO POLICY MAKERS, LAW ENFORCEMENT, HEALTH-CARE PROVIDERS AND FACILITIES, BEHAVIORAL HEALTH PROVIDERS, PUBLIC HEALTH PROFESSIONALS, AND OTHERS NECESSARY TO REDUCE OVERDOSES AND OVERDOSE-RELATED DEATHS.

(6) (a) (I) EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED BY LAW, THE COMMITTEE MAY ACCESS MEDICAL RECORDS RELATED TO OVERDOSE DEATHS UPON REQUEST AT ANY TIME UP TO SEVEN YEARS AFTER THE LAST TREATMENT OF A PATIENT.

- (II) A HEALTH-CARE PROVIDER OR A HEALTH-CARE FACILITY LICENSED OR CERTIFIED PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 3 OF THIS TITLE 25 SHALL PROVIDE MEDICAL RECORDS TO THE DEPARTMENT CONCERNING EACH OVERDOSE DEATH FOR ACCESS BY THE MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE.
- (III) UPON REQUEST OF THE DEPARTMENT, A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER SHALL PROVIDE A POLICE REPORT, AND A CORONER SHALL PROVIDE RECORDS OF THE CORONER AND MEDICAL EXAMINER INVESTIGATIONS, THAT INVOLVE A OVERDOSE DEATH TO THE COMMITTEE.
- (IV) A HEALTH-CARE PROVIDER, PHARMACIST, HEALTH-CARE FACILITY, LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER, OR CORONER IS NOT CIVILLY OR CRIMINALLY LIABLE FOR THE RELEASE OF MEDICAL RECORDS WHEN MAKING A GOOD-FAITH EFFORT TO COMPLY WITH THIS SUBSECTION (6).
- (b) (I) The discussions in committee meetings or meetings of an ad hoc panel formed pursuant to section 25-52-104 (3) concerning details of a overdose death that could identify an individual involved are confidential and are not subject to section 24-6-402.
- (II) THE COMMITTEE MEETING NOTES, STATEMENTS, MEDICAL RECORDS, REPORTS, COMMUNICATIONS, AND MEMORANDA OBTAINED BY THE COMMITTEE THAT CONTAIN INFORMATION THAT COULD IDENTIFY AN INDIVIDUAL INVOLVED IN A OVERDOSE DEATH ARE CONFIDENTIAL AND ARE NOT SUBJECT TO THE "COLORADO OPEN RECORDS ACT", PART 2 OF ARTICLE 72 OF TITLE 24.
- (III) MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE ARE NOT SUBJECT TO SUBPOENA IN ANY CIVIL, CRIMINAL, OR ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDING REGARDING THE INFORMATION PRESENTED IN OR OPINIONS FORMED AS A RESULT OF A MEETING OR COMMUNICATION OF THE COMMITTEE; EXCEPT THAT THIS SUBSECTION (2)(C) DOES NOT PREVENT A MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE FROM TESTIFYING REGARDING INFORMATION OR OPINIONS OBTAINED INDEPENDENTLY OF THE COMMITTEE OR THAT ARE PUBLIC INFORMATION.
- (IV) NOTES, STATEMENTS, MEDICAL RECORDS, REPORTS, COMMUNICATIONS, AND MEMORANDA THAT ARE CONFIDENTIAL PURSUANT TO SUBSECTIONS (2)(a) AND (2)(b) OF THIS SECTION ARE NOT:
- (A) Subject to subpoena, discovery, or introduction into evidence in any civil, criminal, or administrative proceeding, unless the subpoena is directed to a source that is separate and apart from the committee. Nothing in this section limits or restricts the right to discover or use in a civil, criminal, or

ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDING NOTES, STATEMENTS, MEDICAL RECORDS, REPORTS, COMMUNICATIONS, OR MEMORANDA THAT ARE AVAILABLE FROM ANOTHER SOURCE SEPARATE AND APART FROM THE COMMITTEE AND THAT ARISE ENTIRELY INDEPENDENT OF THE COMMITTEE'S ACTIVITIES.

- (B) Admissible as evidence in any action in any court or before any tribunal, board, agency, or person and shall not be exhibited or disclosed in any way by any person unless the information was obtained from another source that is separate and apart from the committee, except as may be necessary to further the duties of the committee or in response to an alleged violation of a confidentiality agreement pursuant to subsection (6)(b)(V) of this section.
- (V) EACH COMMITTEE MEMBER SHALL SIGN A CONFIDENTIALITY AGREEMENT THAT REQUIRES THE MEMBER'S ADHERENCE TO SUBSECTIONS (6)(b)(I) AND (6)(b)(II) OF THIS SECTION. A MEMBER WHO KNOWINGLY VIOLATES THE CONFIDENTIALITY AGREEMENT COMMITS A PETTY OFFENSE.
- (7) THE COMMITTEE AND THE DEPARTMENT SHALL COMPLY WITH ALL APPLICABLE STATE AND FEDERAL LAWS AND RULES RELATING TO THE TRANSMISSION OF HEALTH INFORMATION.
- (8) This section is repealed, effective September 1, 2033. Before the Repeal, the functions of the committee are scheduled for review in accordance with section 2-3-1203.

SECTION 50. In Colorado Revised Statutes, add 27-50-802, as part 8 of article 50 of title 27 as added by House Bill 22-1278, as follows:

- **27-50-802.** Colorado overdose prevention review committee creation duties repeal. (1) On July 1, 2024, the Colorado overdose prevention review committee is created in the behavioral health administration, referred to in this section as the "committee", for the purpose of:
- (a) REVIEWING SPECIFIC CASES OF NON-FATAL AND FATAL DRUG-RELATED OVERDOSES THAT OCCUR IN COLORADO;
- (b) IDENTIFYING THE CAUSES OF OVERDOSES AND OVERDOSE-RELATED DEATH AND CONDUCTING A REVIEW OF OTHER FACTORS INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, HOUSING STATUS OR CRIMINAL JUSTICE INVOLVEMENT;
- (c) DEVELOPING EVIDENCE-BASED RECOMMENDATIONS TO ADDRESS PREVENTABLE OVERDOSE-RELATED DEATH, INCLUDING LEGISLATION, POLICIES, AREAS FOR FURTHER SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH, RULES, TRAINING, AND BEST PRACTICES THAT WILL SUPPORT THE HEALTH AND SAFETY OF INDIVIDUALS WHO USE SUBSTANCES THAT MAY CAUSE OVERDOSE IN COLORADO AND PREVENT OVERDOSE-RELATED DEATHS; AND
 - (d) ANNUALLY MAKE POLICY-RELATED AND FUNDING-RELATED

RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE GOVERNOR AND THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ABOUT DRUG TRENDS, INCLUDING SYNTHETIC DRUGS THAT MAY IMPACT THE HEALTH AND WELL-BEING OF COLORADANS AND THAT PRESENT A HIGH RISK FOR CAUSING OVERDOSE-RELATED DEATHS.

- (2) (a) THE COMMISSIONER SHALL APPOINT THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS TO SERVE ON THE COMMITTEE:
- (I) TWO MEMBERS WHO HAVE EXPERIENCED AN OVERDOSE OR HAVE A SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER;
- (II) TWO PHYSICIANS WITH EXPERTISE IN ADDICTION MEDICINE, ONE OF WHOM HAS EXPERTISE IN MEDICAL COMPLICATIONS OF SUBSTANCE USE;
- (III) TWO PUBLIC HEALTH OR EPIDEMIOLOGY EXPERTS WITH EXPERTISE IN SUBSTANCE USE;
 - (IV) A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE DISTRICT ATTORNEYS APPOINTED BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE COLORADO DISTRICT ATTORNEYS' COUNCIL;
 - (V) A REPRESENTATIVE OF COUNTY SHERIFFS, APPOINTED BY THE DIRECTOR OF A STATEWIDE ORGANIZATION REPRESENTING SHERIFFS;
 - (VI) A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE CHIEFS OF POLICE, APPOINTED BY THE PRESIDENT OF A STATEWIDE ORGANIZATION OF CHIEFS OF POLICE;
 - (VII) A PUBLIC DEFENDER;

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 - (IX) A SUBSTANCE USE TREATMENT OR RECOVERY PROVIDER.
- (b) EACH MEMBER'S TERM IS THREE YEARS; EXCEPT THAT THE TERM OF THE FIRST SIX MEMBERS APPOINTED IS TWO YEARS. MEMBERS MAY SERVE UP TO THREE TERMS. THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SHALL FILL ANY VACANCIES ON THE COMMITTEE.
- (c) THE COMMISSIONER SHALL MAKE AN EFFORT TO INCLUDE COMMITTEE MEMBERS WORKING IN AND REPRESENTING COMMUNITIES THAT ARE DIVERSE WITH REGARD TO RACE, ETHNICITY, IMMIGRATION STATUS, ENGLISH PROFICIENCY, INCOME, WEALTH, AND GEOGRAPHIC REGION OF THE STATE, INCLUDING BOTH URBAN AND RURAL AREAS.
- (3) THE COMMITTEE MAY FORM SPECIAL AD HOC PANELS TO FURTHER INVESTIGATE DRUG TRENDS, OVERDOSES AND OVERDOSE-RELATED DEATHS WHEN THE NEED ARISES.
 - (4) THE COMMITTEE SHALL:
- (a) REVIEW A REPRESENTATIVE SUBSET OF NON-FATAL AND FATAL OVERDOSES IN COLORADO;
 - (b) REVIEW MEDICAL RECORDS AND OTHER RELEVANT DATA RELATED TO EACH OVERDOSE DEATH, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, WHETHER THE PERSON WAS RECENTLY ENGAGED IN TREATMENT OR PREVIOUSLY INCARCERATED;

(c) Take steps to improve the quality and scope of data obtained through investigations and review of overdoses and overdose-related deaths;

- (d) IDENTIFY TRENDS AND PATTERNS ACROSS RACIAL, GEOGRAPHIC, AND OTHER GROUPS RELATED TO OVERDOSES AND OVERDOSE-RELATED DEATHS;
- (e) DEVELOP EVIDENCE-BASED RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE PREVENTION OF OVERDOSES AND OVERDOSE-RELATED DEATHS AND DELIVER THE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE LEGISLATURE AND GOVERNOR;
- (f) Perform any other functions as resources allow to enhance the capability of the state to reduce and prevent overdoses and overdose-related deaths;
- (g) ADVISE THE OFFICE IN THE ADMINISTRATION'S WORK ON DECREASING OVERDOSES AND OVERDOSE-RELATED DEATHS;
- (h) Inform the Legislature and Governor of Drug Trends Nationally, including if a new Drug Trend Occurs, and What the State May do to mitigate any forthcoming Harm the Drug May Have on the State; and
- (i) FACILITATE THE DEVELOPMENT OF A COMPREHENSIVE STATEWIDE DATABASE FOR THE PURPOSES OF ADDRESSING THE OVERDOSE CRISIS.
- (5) THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL COMPILE REPORTS IN DISAGGREGATED AND DE-IDENTIFIED FORMS ON TRENDS OR OTHER FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS ON A BI-ANNUAL BASIS FOR DISTRIBUTION IN AN EFFORT TO FURTHER STUDY THE CAUSES AND PROBLEMS ASSOCIATED WITH OVERDOSES AND OVERDOSE-RELATED DEATHS THAT MAY BE DISTRIBUTED TO POLICY MAKERS, LAW ENFORCEMENT, HEALTH-CARE PROVIDERS AND FACILITIES, BEHAVIORAL HEALTH PROVIDERS, PUBLIC HEALTH PROFESSIONALS, AND OTHERS NECESSARY TO REDUCE OVERDOSES AND OVERDOSE-RELATED DEATHS.
- (6) (a) (I) EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED BY LAW, THE COMMITTEE MAY ACCESS MEDICAL RECORDS RELATED TO OVERDOSE DEATHS UPON REQUEST AT ANY TIME UP TO SEVEN YEARS AFTER THE LAST TREATMENT OF A PATIENT.
- (II) A HEALTH-CARE PROVIDER OR A HEALTH-CARE FACILITY LICENSED OR CERTIFIED PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 3 OF THIS TITLE 25 SHALL PROVIDE MEDICAL RECORDS TO THE ADMINISTRATION CONCERNING EACH OVERDOSE MORTALITY FOR ACCESS BY THE MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE.
- (III) UPON REQUEST OF THE ADMINISTRATION, A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER SHALL PROVIDE A POLICE REPORT, AND A CORONER SHALL PROVIDE RECORDS OF THE CORONER AND MEDICAL EXAMINER INVESTIGATIONS, THAT INVOLVE A OVERDOSE DEATH TO THE COMMITTEE.
 - (IV) A HEALTH-CARE PROVIDER, PHARMACIST, HEALTH-CARE

FACILITY, LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER, OR CORONER IS NOT CIVILLY OR CRIMINALLY LIABLE FOR THE RELEASE OF MEDICAL RECORDS WHEN MAKING A GOOD-FAITH EFFORT TO COMPLY WITH THIS SUBSECTION (6).

- (b) (I) The discussions in committee meetings or meetings of an ad hoc panel formed pursuant to section 25-52-104 (3) concerning details of a overdose death that could identify an individual involved are confidential and are not subject to section 24-6-402.
- (II) THE COMMITTEE MEETING NOTES, STATEMENTS, MEDICAL RECORDS, REPORTS, COMMUNICATIONS, AND MEMORANDA OBTAINED BY THE COMMITTEE THAT CONTAIN INFORMATION THAT COULD IDENTIFY AN INDIVIDUAL INVOLVED IN A OVERDOSE DEATH ARE CONFIDENTIAL AND ARE NOT SUBJECT TO THE "COLORADO OPEN RECORDS ACT", PART 2 OF ARTICLE 72 OF TITLE 24.
- (III) MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE ARE NOT SUBJECT TO SUBPOENA IN ANY CIVIL, CRIMINAL, OR ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDING REGARDING THE INFORMATION PRESENTED IN OR OPINIONS FORMED AS A RESULT OF A MEETING OR COMMUNICATION OF THE COMMITTEE; EXCEPT THAT THIS SUBSECTION (2)(C) DOES NOT PREVENT A MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE FROM TESTIFYING REGARDING INFORMATION OR OPINIONS OBTAINED INDEPENDENTLY OF THE COMMITTEE OR THAT ARE PUBLIC INFORMATION.
- (IV) NOTES, STATEMENTS, MEDICAL RECORDS, REPORTS, COMMUNICATIONS, AND MEMORANDA THAT ARE CONFIDENTIAL PURSUANT TO SUBSECTIONS (2)(a) AND (2)(b) OF THIS SECTION ARE NOT:
- (A) Subject to subpoena, discovery, or introduction into evidence in any civil, criminal, or administrative proceeding, unless the subpoena is directed to a source that is separate and apart from the committee. Nothing in this section limits or restricts the right to discover or use in a civil, criminal, or administrative proceeding notes, statements, medical records, reports, communications, or memoranda that are available from another source separate and apart from the committee and that arise entirely independent of the committee's activities.
- (B) Admissible as evidence in any action in any court or before any tribunal, board, agency, or person and shall not be exhibited or disclosed in any way by any person unless the information was obtained from another source that is separate and apart from the committee, except as may be necessary to further the duties of the committee or in response to an alleged violation of a confidentiality agreement pursuant to subsection (6)(b)(V) of this section.
 - (V) EACH COMMITTEE MEMBER SHALL SIGN A CONFIDENTIALITY

AGREEMENT THAT REQUIRES THE MEMBER'S ADHERENCE TO SUBSECTIONS (6)(b)(I) AND (6)(b)(II) OF THIS SECTION. A MEMBER WHO KNOWINGLY VIOLATES THE CONFIDENTIALITY AGREEMENT COMMITS A PETTY OFFENSE.

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- (7) THE COMMITTEE AND THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL COMPLY WITH ALL APPLICABLE STATE AND FEDERAL LAWS AND RULES RELATING TO THE TRANSMISSION OF HEALTH INFORMATION.
- (8) This section is repealed, effective September 1, 2033. Before the Repeal, the functions of the committee are scheduled for Review in accordance with section 2-3-1203.
- **SECTION 51.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 2-3-1203, **add** (22) as follows:
- **2-3-1203.** Sunset review of advisory committees legislative declaration definition repeal. (22) (a) THE FOLLOWING STATUTORY AUTHORIZATIONS FOR THE DESIGNATED ADVISORY COMMITTEES WILL REPEAL ON SEPTEMBER 1, 2032:
- (I) THE COLORADO OVERDOSE PREVENTION REVIEW COMMITTEE CREATED IN SECTION 27-60-114;
- 18 (b) This subsection (22) is repealed, effective September 1, 2033.
 - **SECTION 52.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 2-3-1203, **add** (22) as follows:
 - **2-3-1203.** Sunset review of advisory committees legislative declaration definition repeal. (22) (a) THE FOLLOWING STATUTORY AUTHORIZATIONS FOR THE DESIGNATED ADVISORY COMMITTEES WILL REPEAL ON SEPTEMBER 1, 2032:
- 26 (I) THE COLORADO OVERDOSE PREVENTION REVIEW COMMITTEE 27 CREATED IN SECTION 27-50-802:
- 28 (b) This subsection (22) is repealed, effective September 1, 29 2033.".
- 30 Renumber succeeding sections accordingly.
- 31 Strike "carfentanal," and substitute "carfentanil benzimidazole opiods,"
- 32 on: **Page 4**, lines 5 and 18; and **Page 5**, lines 5, 10, and 20.
- 33 Strike "CARFENTANAL," and substitute "CARFENTANIL BENZIMIDAZOLE
- 34 OPIOIDS," on: **Page 6**, lines 15, 19, and 23; **Page 7**, lines 3 and 12; **Page**
- 35 **8**, lines 3, 14, 17, and 21; **Page 9**, lines 2, 17, and 25; **Page 10**, lines 6, 18,
- and 26; Page 11, line 14; Page 12, lines 10 and 26; Page 13, lines 2, 17,
- and 20; **Page 14**, line 24; **Page 16**, lines 6, 11, 22, and 27; **Page 18**, lines
- 38 12 and 17; **Page 19**, lines 1 and 7; **Page 21**, lines 1, 4, 14, and 19; **Page**
- 39 **22**, lines 3 and 8; **Page 23**, lines 20 and 25; **Page 24**, lines 9 and 15; **Page**

- 48, line 22; Page 49, line 23; Page 51, line 24; Page 53, line 6; and Page
- 2 **55**, line 7.
- 3 Strike "SUBSTANCE ABUSE" and substitute "SUBSTANCE USE" on: Page 16,
- 4 line 13; Page 18, line 19; Page 21, line 21; Page 23, line 27; Page 50,
- 5 line 12; and **Page 53**, line 22.
- 6 Page 1, line 111, strike "ABUSE" and substitute "USE".
- 7 Page 1, line 112, strike "ABUSE" and substitute "USE".

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