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SENATE COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE REPORT

	April 29, 2022
Chair of Committee	Date
Committee on <u>Finance</u> .	
After consideration on the merits, the following:	Committee recommends the
	d as so amended, be referred to propriations with favorable
Amend printed bill, strike everything below the enacting clause and substitute:	
"SECTION 1. In Colorado Revis	sed Statutes, add 25-1.5-118 as
follows:	
25-1.5-118. Regulation of supplemental health-care staffing	
agencies - report - stakeholder process	_
USED IN THIS SECTION, UNLESS THE CONT	- ' '
(a) "DEPARTMENT" MEANS THE D	-
AND ENVIRONMENT.	
(b) "Health-care facility" mea	NS A FACILITY LICENSED BY THE
DEPARTMENT PURSUANT TO SECTION 25-	1.5-103 (1)(a).
(c) "HEALTH-CARE WORKER" ME	ANS A PERSON EMPLOYED BY A
SUPPLEMENTAL HEALTH-CARE STAFFIN	G AGENCY FOR TEMPORARY
PLACEMENT IN A HEALTH-CARE FACILITY	
(d) "HEALTH-CARE WORKER PLAT	FORM" OR "PLATFORM" MEANS
ANY PERSON, FIRM, CORPORATION, PARTN	VERSHIP, OR ASSOCIATION THAT
MAINTAINS A SYSTEM OR TECHNOLOGY THAT PROVIDES A MEDIA OR	
INTERNET PLATFORM FOR A HEALTH-CARE WORKER TO BE LISTED AND	
IDENTIFIED AS AVAILABLE FOR HIRE BY HEALTH-CARE FACILITIES SEEKING	
HEALTH-CARE WORKERS. UNDER A PLATFORM, THE HEALTH-CARE	
FACILITY SETS THE HOURLY RATES AND OTHER TERMS OF HIRE AND THE	
HEALTH-CARE WORKER, AS AN INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR AND NOT AS	
AN EMPLOYEE OR AGENT OF THE ENTITY THAT MAINTAINS THE PLATFORM,	
DECIDES WHETHER TO AGREE TO THE HOURLY RATES AND OTHER TERMS	

(e) (I) "SUPPLEMENTAL HEALTH-CARE STAFFING AGENCY" OR

"STAFFING AGENCY" MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL OR TYPE OF ORGANIZATION,

INCLUDING ANY PARTNERSHIP, LIMITED LIABILITY PARTNERSHIP, LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, LIMITED LIABILITY LIMITED PARTNERSHIP, ASSOCIATION, TRUST, JOINT STOCK COMPANY, INSURANCE COMPANY, OR CORPORATION, WHETHER DOMESTIC OR FOREIGN, ENGAGED IN THE BUSINESS OF PROVIDING HEALTH-CARE WORKERS WHO ARE EMPLOYEES OF THE STAFFING AGENCY, AND, FOR A FEE, ASSIGNING THEM TO TEMPORARY PLACEMENTS IN HEALTH-CARE FACILITIES.

- (II) "SUPPLEMENTAL HEALTH-CARE STAFFING AGENCY" DOES NOT INCLUDE:
- (A) AN INDIVIDUAL ACTING AS AN INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR WHO IS ONLY ENGAGED IN PROVIDING THE INDIVIDUAL'S SERVICES ON A TEMPORARY BASIS TO HEALTH-CARE FACILITIES; OR
 - (B) A HEALTH-CARE WORKER PLATFORM.

- (2) No later than November 30, 2023, the department, in consultation with the department of health care policy and financing, shall submit a report described in subsection (3) of this section to the governor's office, the attorney general's office, the joint budget committee, the health and insurance committee of the house of representatives and the health and human services committee of the senate, or their successor committees.
 - (3) AT A MINIMUM, THE DEPARTMENT'S REPORT MUST INCLUDE:
- (a) SYNTHESIZED FINDINGS FROM INFORMATION REPORTED BY SUPPLEMENTAL HEALTH-CARE STAFFING AGENCIES TO THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT PURSUANT TO SECTION 8-4-125;
- (b) Information regarding the impact of supplemental health-care staffing agencies on health-care facilities and recommendations specific to health-care facilities;
- (c) AN OVERVIEW OF SUPPLEMENTAL HEALTH-CARE STAFFING AGENCIES IN THE STATE AND THE USE OF STAFFING AGENCIES BY HEALTH-CARE FACILITIES;
- (d) Information regarding any federal government initiatives that seek to address issues relating to supplemental health-care staffing agencies and health-care facilities;
- (e) RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE CONTINUATION OR REPEAL OF REQUIRED STATUTORY REPORTING BY SUPPLEMENTAL HEALTH-CARE STAFFING AGENCIES PURSUANT TO SECTION 8-4-125; AND
- (f) RECOMMENDATIONS FOR DETERMINING CAPS AND OTHER LIMITATIONS ON SERVICE RATES AND THE AMOUNT THAT SUPPLEMENTAL HEALTH-CARE STAFFING AGENCIES MAY CHARGE FOR EACH CATEGORY OF HEALTH-CARE WORKER PROVIDING SERVICES TO HEALTH-CARE FACILITIES.
- (4) IN FORMULATING RECOMMENDATIONS PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (3) OF THIS SECTION, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL CONDUCT A

STAKEHOLDER PROCESS THAT INCLUDES REPRESENTATIVES FROM LONG-TERM, ACUTE, AND PRIMARY CARE SERVICE PROVIDERS, SUPPLEMENTAL HEALTH-CARE STAFFING AGENCIES, AN EMPLOYEE ORGANIZATION THAT REPRESENTS EMPLOYEES IN THE HEALTH-CARE INDUSTRY, THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH CARE POLICY AND FINANCING, AND THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT.

SECTION 2. In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 8-4-125 as follows:

- **8-4-125.** Supplemental health-care staffing agencies annual certification reporting definitions. (1) AS USED IN THIS SECTION, UNLESS THE CONTEXT OTHERWISE REQUIRES:
- (a) "DEPARTMENT" MEANS THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT.
- (b) "HEALTH-CARE FACILITY" MEANS A FACILITY LICENSED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT PURSUANT TO SECTION 25-1.5-103 (1)(a).
- (c) "HEALTH-CARE WORKER" HAS THE MEANING SET FORTH IN SECTION 25-1.5-118 (1).
- (d) "HEALTH-CARE WORKER PLATFORM" OR "PLATFORM" HAS THE MEANING SET FORTH IN SECTION 25-1.5-118 (1).
 - (e) "Supplemental Health-Care Staffing agency" or "staffing agency" has the meaning set forth in section 25-1.5-118 (1).
 - (2) (a) On and after October 1, 2022, it is unlawful for any person to operate a supplemental health-care staffing agency in this state without completing the staffing agency's initial certification and required annual certification with the department pursuant to section 8-70-114.
 - (b) ANY PERSON WHO VIOLATES THIS SECTION COMMITS A CIVIL INFRACTION AND MAY BE SUBJECT TO FINES DETERMINED BY THE DEPARTMENT.
- (c) On or before September 1, 2022, and September 1, each year thereafter, the department of public health and environment and the department of health care policy and financing shall provide the department with a list of all known names and contact information for supplemental health-care staffing agencies operating in the state.
 - (3) (a) ON OR BEFORE APRIL 30, 2023, EACH SUPPLEMENTAL HEALTH-CARE STAFFING AGENCY OPERATING IN THE STATE SHALL PROVIDE TO THE DEPARTMENT A QUARTERLY REPORT CONTAINING THE INFORMATION AND CERTIFICATIONS SET FORTH IN SUBSECTION (3)(b) OF THIS SECTION FOR THE FIRST QUARTER OF 2023. THE STAFFING AGENCY SHALL CONTINUE TO FILE QUARTERLY REPORTS CONTAINING THE

INFORMATION AND CERTIFICATIONS DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (3)(b) OF THIS SECTION NO LATER THAN THE LAST DAY OF THE MONTH IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE END OF THE APPLICABLE QUARTER.

- (b) At a minimum, a staffing agency's quarterly reports required pursuant to subsection (3)(a) of this section must include:
- (I) THE NAME OF EACH DIRECT AND INDIRECT OWNER OF THE STAFFING AGENCY;
- (II) IF THE STAFFING AGENCY'S DIRECT OWNER IS A CORPORATION, COPIES OF THE ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION AND CURRENT BYLAWS;
- (III) A DETAILED LISTING OF THE AVERAGE AMOUNT CHARGED DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD TO A HEALTH-CARE FACILITY FOR EACH CATEGORY OF HEALTH-CARE WORKER PROVIDING SERVICES TO THE HEALTH-CARE FACILITY;
- (IV) A DETAILED LISTING OF THE AVERAGE AMOUNT PAID DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD TO HEALTH-CARE WORKERS FOR THEIR SERVICES FOR EACH CATEGORY OF HEALTH-CARE WORKER PROVIDING SERVICES;
- (V) THE STAFFING AGENCY'S CERTIFICATION THAT EACH HEALTH-CARE WORKER CONTRACTED TO A HEALTH-CARE FACILITY DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD HAD A CURRENT, UNRESTRICTED LICENSE OR CERTIFICATION IN GOOD STANDING AND MET THE TRAINING AND CONTINUING EDUCATION STANDARDS FOR THE POSITION WITH THE HEALTH-CARE FACILITY THROUGHOUT THE ENTIRETY OF THE REPORTING PERIOD;
- (VI) THE STAFFING AGENCY'S CERTIFICATION THAT EACH HEALTH-CARE WORKER CONTRACTED TO A HEALTH-CARE FACILITY HAD SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED ALL BACKGROUND CHECKS REQUIRED BY FEDERAL AND STATE LAW, RULE, AND REGULATION RELATING TO THE HEALTH-CARE POSITION AND HEALTH-CARE FACILITY IN WHICH THE HEALTH-CARE WORKER WAS PLACED DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD; AND
- (VII) THE STAFFING AGENCY'S CERTIFICATION THAT THE STAFFING AGENCY MAINTAINED PROFESSIONAL LIABILITY INSURANCE THROUGHOUT THE ENTIRETY OF THE REPORTING PERIOD FOR EACH HEALTH-CARE WORKER CONTRACTED TO A HEALTH-CARE FACILITY DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD.
- (c) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ESTABLISH THE MANNER AND FORM OF REPORTING PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTION (3).
- (4) (a) (I) The department shall impose a fine in the amount of five hundred dollars for a report required pursuant to subsection (3) of this section that:
- (A) IS NOT SUBMITTED WITHIN THIRTY DAYS AFTER THE REPORTING DEADLINE; OR
 - (B) THE DEPARTMENT DEEMS NONCOMPLIANT WITH THE

REQUIREMENTS OF SUBSECTION (3) OF THIS SECTION.

- (II) THE DEPARTMENT MAY WAIVE THE FINE IF THE STAFFING AGENCY IS ABLE TO SHOW GOOD CAUSE FOR THE DELAY IN SUBMITTING THE REPORT OR FOR SUBMITTING A NONCOMPLIANT REPORT.
- (b) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL SEND NOTICE TO EACH STAFFING AGENCY THAT:
- (I) HAS NOT SUBMITTED THE REQUIRED QUARTERLY REPORT ON OR BEFORE THE DEADLINE; OR
 - (II) HAS NOT SUBMITTED A COMPLIANT REPORT.
- (c) If the staffing agency does not submit a compliant report within thirty days after the date of the department's notice of noncompliance, the department shall impose a fine of ten thousand dollars, and for a failure in any subsequent quarter to timely submit a compliant report within thirty days after the department's notice of noncompliance, a fine of twenty thousand dollars. The department may waive or reduce the staffing agency's fine if the staffing agency is able to show good cause for delaying the submission of the report.
- (d) The department shall transmit any penalties imposed and collected pursuant to this subsection (4) to the state treasurer, who shall credit the money to the wage theft enforcement fund created in section 8-4-113 (3).
- (5) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL PROVIDE COPIES OF THE QUARTERLY REPORTS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (3) OF THIS SECTION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT AND TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH CARE POLICY AND FINANCING FOR PURPOSES OF ANALYZING THE INFORMATION PROVIDED BY THE STAFFING AGENCIES TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND THE GOVERNOR PURSUANT TO SECTION 25-1.5-118 CONCERNING THE REGULATION OF STAFFING AGENCY SERVICE RATES AND RATES CHARGED TO HEALTH-CARE FACILITIES.

SECTION 3. Act subject to petition - effective date. This act takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly; except that, if a referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take effect unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in November 2022 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor."

- Page 1, line 103, strike "ENVIRONMENT." and substitute "ENVIRONMENT,
- 42 AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, REQUIRING SUPPLEMENTAL

- 1 HEALTH-CARE STAFFING AGENCIES TO REPORT DATA TO THE
- 2 DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT, AND REQUIRING THE
- 3 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT TO REPORT TO
- 4 THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, THE GOVERNOR, AND THE ATTORNEY
- 5 GENERAL'S OFFICE CONCERNING CAPS OR OTHER METHODS OF
- 6 REGULATING SERVICE RATES AND RATES CHARGED TO HEALTH-CARE

7 FACILITIES.".

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