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SENATE BILL 25-292

SENATE SPONSORSHIP

Amabile and Bridges, Kirkmeyer

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Sirota and Taggart, Bird

Senate Committees
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House Committees

A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING THE CREATION OF THE WORKFORCE CAPACITY CENTER.**

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. The bill requires the department of health care policy and financing, in collaboration with the behavioral health administration, to establish the workforce capacity center to train providers in evidence-based or supported models as part of the system of care for children and youth.

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.
Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material to be added to existing law.
Dashes through the words or numbers indicate deletions from existing law.

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 25.5-6-2001, **add**
3 (7.5) as follows:

4 **25.5-6-2001. System of care for children and youth - federal**
5 **authorization - leadership and implementation team - workforce**
6 **capacity center - report - rules - definition - repeal.** (7.5) (a) THE
7 STATE DEPARTMENT, IN COLLABORATION WITH THE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH
8 ADMINISTRATION ESTABLISHED IN SECTION 27-50-102, SHALL ESTABLISH
9 THE WORKFORCE CAPACITY CENTER TO TRAIN PROVIDERS IN
10 EVIDENCE-BASED OR SUPPORTED MODELS AS PART OF THE SYSTEM OF
11 CARE FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS
12 SECTION, INCLUDING TRAINING ON HIGH-FIDELITY WRAPAROUND FOR
13 CHILDREN AND YOUTH PURSUANT TO PART 1 OF ARTICLE 62 OF TITLE 27,
14 INTENSIVE IN-HOME TREATMENT MODELS, AND OTHER INTERVENTIONS.

15 (b) THE WORKFORCE CAPACITY CENTER MUST ASSIST PROVIDERS
16 IN MAINTAINING ONGOING TRAINING TO ENSURE INTERVENTIONS ARE
17 APPLIED ACCURATELY.

18 (c) THE WORKFORCE CAPACITY CENTER IS RESPONSIBLE FOR:

19 (I) DEVELOPING THE TRAININGS FOR PROVIDERS;

20 (II) CONDUCTING THE TRAININGS;

21 (III) COVERING THE COSTS INCURRED BY PROVIDERS COMPLETING
22 THE TRAININGS; AND

23 (IV) PROVIDING ONGOING TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FOR PROVIDERS
24 ACROSS THE STATE OF COLORADO WHILE PARTICIPATING IN TRAINING.

25 (d) (I) IN THE QUARTERLY REPORT TO THE JOINT BUDGET
26 COMMITTEE REQUIRED PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (7)(b) OF THIS SECTION,
27 THE STATE DEPARTMENT SHALL INCLUDE UPDATES ON THE WORK OF THE

1 WORKFORCE CAPACITY CENTER. THE REPORT MUST INCLUDE KEY
2 MILESTONES FOR STARTUP ACTIVITIES, WHAT TRAININGS ARE OFFERED,
3 THE NUMBER OF TRAININGS BEING PROVIDED EACH MONTH, THE NUMBER
4 AND TYPE OF CERTIFICATIONS EARNED BY PROVIDERS AS A RESULT OF THE
5 TRAININGS, THE NUMBER OF CERTIFIED PROVIDERS ENROLLED AS
6 MEDICAID PROVIDERS, AND THE LOCATIONS WHERE THOSE CERTIFIED
7 PROVIDERS PRACTICE.

8 (II) IN THE QUARTERLY REPORT SUBMITTED TO THE JOINT BUDGET
9 COMMITTEE IN JANUARY 2027, THE STATE DEPARTMENT SHALL INCLUDE
10 AN ANALYSIS OF THE WORKFORCE CAPACITY CENTER'S WORK THAT
11 INCLUDES AN OVERVIEW OF THE IMPACT OF THE WORKFORCE CAPACITY
12 CENTER AND A RECOMMENDATION ON THE CONTINUATION, REDUCTION, OR
13 CLOSURE OF THE CENTER.

14 (e) THIS SUBSECTION (7.5) IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2027.

15 **SECTION 2. 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.