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	A BILL FOR AN ACT
101	CONCERNING THE TREATMENT OF YOUTHS WITHIN THE DIVISION OF
102	YOUTH CORRECTIONS, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH,
103	RENAMING THE DIVISION THE "DIVISION OF YOUTH SERVICES",
104	CLARIFYING THE REHABILITATIVE PURPOSE OF THE DIVISION,
105	ESTABLISHING A PILOT PROGRAM TO INITIATE A CULTURAL
106	CHANGE WITHIN THE DIVISION, CLARIFYING THE MANNER IN
107	WHICH THE DIVISION SHALL REPORT DATA CONCERNING
108	CRITICAL INCIDENTS, RENAMING AND EXPANDING THE ROLE OF
109	THE YOUTH SECLUSION WORKING GROUP, REQUIRING AN
110	INDEPENDENT ASSESSMENT OF THE DIVISION, CREATING
111	COMMUNITY BOARDS IN EACH REGION OF THE DIVISION, AND
112	REQUIRING THE STATE AUDITOR TO AUDIT CERTAIN REPORTS OF
113	THE DIVISION.

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.)

The bill renames the division of youth corrections the "division of youth services" (division) and makes conforming amendments. The bill sets forth the purposes of the renamed division.

The bill creates and requires the division to implement a pilot program to initiate a cultural change within the division. The bill creates a cash fund and authorizes the division to seek, accept, and expend gifts, grants, or donations for the pilot program.

The bill requires the department to contract with an independent third party to facilitate, supervise, coach, and train staff and leadership of the division throughout the pilot program. The bill requires the division to contract with a second independent third party to evaluate the effectiveness and outcome of the pilot program.

The bill creates community boards in each region of the division, requires a management-level employee from each division facility to attend community board meetings, and requires a representative of the division to report to each community board quarterly.

Current law requires the state department of human services (department) to report annually to the general assembly data concerning recidivism rates of youths committed to the custody of the department. The bill requires the department to report data concerning educational outcomes as well as recidivism rates, and the bill requires the state auditor to audit these reports for accuracy and quality.

The bill renames the "youth seclusion working group" the "youth restraint and seclusion working group", adds a member to the working group, expands the role of the working group to include advising on the use of restraints, requires the division to report to the working group concerning its use of restraints and seclusion, and requires the division to include in its reports an incident report or behavior management plan for any youth whom the division isolates from his or her peers for more than 8 hours in 2 consecutive calendar days.

The bill requires the division to document and report certain items relating to the use of restraint as well as the use of seclusion.

The bill states that an attorney for a juvenile who presents the division with a valid release-of-information request is entitled to all records, including documents and video recordings, related to the juvenile while he or she was in the custody of the division.

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The bill requires the division to contract with a third independent third party to conduct a performance assessment of the division's de-escalation, physical management, and safety policies and practices, as well as its provision of trauma-responsive care.

1 Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado: 2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 19-2-203, amend (1), 3 (2), and (3)(a); and **add** (4) and (5) as follows: 4 19-2-203. Division of youth services - created - interagency 5 agreements - duties of administrators concerning voter registration 6 and casting of ballots - reports - pilot program - fund created -7 **repeal.** (1) (a) There is hereby created within the department of human 8 services the division of youth corrections SERVICES, REFERRED TO WITHIN 9 THIS SECTION AS THE "DIVISION", the head of which shall be IS the director 10 of the division. of youth corrections. The director shall be appointed by 11 the executive director of the department of human services SHALL 12 APPOINT THE DIRECTOR OF THE DIVISION pursuant to section 13 of article 13 XII of the state constitution and the laws and rules governing the state 14 personnel system. The director shall exercise powers and perform duties 15 and functions within the office of the executive director of the department 16 of human services in accordance with the provisions of this article 17 ARTICLE 2 and as if transferred thereto by a type 2 transfer as such 18 transfer is defined in the "Administrative Organization Act of 1968", 19 article 1 of title 24. C.R.S. 20 (b) THE PURPOSES OF THE DIVISION ARE TO: 21 (I) INCREASE PUBLIC SAFETY BY PROVIDING REHABILITATIVE 22 TREATMENT TO HELP YOUTHS IN THE DIVISION'S CARE MAKE LASTING 23 BEHAVIORAL CHANGES TO PREPARE THEMSELVES FOR SUCCESSFUL

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1	TRANSITION BACK TO THE COMMUNITY,
2	(II) PROMOTE THE PHYSICAL SAFETY OF YOUTHS AND STAFF
3	WITHIN THE DIVISION;
4	(III) PROMOTE A SEAMLESS CONTINUUM OF CARE FROM THE TIME
5	OF DETENTION OR COMMITMENT TO DISCHARGE, IN WHICH YOUTHS' NEEDS
6	ARE MET IN A SAFE, STRUCTURED ENVIRONMENT WITH WELL-TRAINED,
7	CARING STAFF WHO HELP YOUTHS IDENTIFY AND ADDRESS THEIR ISSUES,
8	HOLD YOUTHS ACCOUNTABLE FOR THEIR ACTIONS, AND HELP YOUTHS
9	ACCEPT RESPONSIBILITY FOR THEIR ACTIONS;
10	(IV) ENABLE YOUTHS TO DEVELOP HEALTHY, SUPPORTIVE
11	RELATIONSHIPS WITH PEERS, ADULTS, FAMILY, AND MEMBERS OF THEIR
12	NEIGHBORHOODS AND COMMUNITIES; AND
13	(V) PROVIDE YOUTHS WITH THE TOOLS NECESSARY TO BECOME
14	LAW-ABIDING, CONTRIBUTING MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY UPON THEIR
15	RELEASE.
16	(2) (a) The division of youth corrections may enter into
17	agreements with the judicial department to combine provision of juvenile
18	parole and probation services. Juvenile probation and parole supervision
19	programs implemented pursuant to such agreements shall MAY not
20	include provisions for supervision of juveniles sentenced to the
21	department of corrections.
22	(b) Repealed.
23	(3) (a) This subsection (3) applies to any individual committed to
24	a juvenile facility and in the custody of the division of youth corrections
25	who is eighteen years of age or older on the date of the next election.
26	(4) Pilot program - fund created. (a) Legislative declaration.
27	THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FINDS THAT:

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1	(1) YOUTHS COMMITTED TO THE CARE OF THE DIVISION DESERVE
2	TO BE TREATED WITH RESPECT AND DIGNITY, USING A THERAPEUTIC
3	APPROACH DELIVERED IN A TREATMENT SETTING WHERE
4	SOCIAL-EMOTIONAL COMPETENCIES ARE LEARNED AND PRACTICED BY
5	YOUTHS AND STAFF;
6	(II) BECAUSE MANY YOUTHS COMMITTED TO THE CARE OF THE
7	DIVISION HAVE EXPERIENCED TRAUMA, WHICH MAY INCLUDE PHYSICAL
8	AND SEXUAL ABUSE, ABANDONMENT, VIOLENCE IN THEIR HOMES OR IN
9	THEIR COMMUNITIES, OR THE LOSS OF A FAMILY MEMBER AT A YOUNG AGE,
10	THE EXPERIENCE OF A SAFE, HUMANE, AND NURTURING ENVIRONMENT IS
11	NECESSARY FOR YOUTHS TO DEVELOP COPING SKILLS AND THE ABILITY TO
12	TRUST AND FORM HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS;
13	(III) ALMOST ALL YOUTHS COMMITTED TO THE DIVISION WILL
14	RETURN TO THE COMMUNITY;
15	(IV) YOUTHS IN THE DIVISION'S CARE NEED TREATMENT AND
16	TOOLS THAT PREPARE THEM TO SAFELY REJOIN OUR COMMUNITIES;
17	(V) THE ENVIRONMENT IN THE DIVISION SHOULD BE SAFE, SECURE,
18	AND NONVIOLENT TO PROMOTE BUILDING TRUST AND HEALTHY
19	RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN YOUTHS AND STAFF AND TO ALLOW YOUTHS TO
20	GROW AND MATURE RESPONSIBLY;
21	(VI) RATES OF VIOLENCE AGAINST YOUTHS AND STAFF IN THE
22	DIVISION ARE UNACCEPTABLY HIGH;
23	(VII) IMPROVEMENTS CAN ALWAYS BE MADE IN THE DIVISION,
24	WHICH STRIVES TO HAVE STAFF AND YOUTHS ENGAGED WITH RESPECT AND
25	DIGNITY AND CREATE AN ENVIRONMENT THAT IS SAFE FOR ALL;
26	(VIII) DIVISION STAFF HAVE AN EXTREMELY DIFFICULT JOB. THEY
27	MUST RESPOND DAILY TO EXTREMELY TROUBLED YOUTHS, INCLUDING

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1	SOME WHO ACT OUT WITH VIOLENCE. EVEN WITH APPROPRIATE STAFF
2	RESPONSE, SOME YOUTHS WILL NEED TO BE PHYSICALLY RESTRAINED.
3	(IX) DIVISION STAFF WANT TO HELP, AND NOT HURT, YOUTHS;
4	(X) NONETHELESS, CERTAIN RESTRAINT PRACTICES USED IN YOUTH
5	CORRECTIONS, INCLUDING FULL BODY RESTRAINTS, THE WRAP, SOLITARY
6	CONFINEMENT, PRESSURE-POINT OR PAIN-COMPLIANCE TECHNIQUES,
7	MANIPULATING NERVES, MECHANICAL RESTRAINTS, AND KNEE STRIKES TO
8	THIGHS, BUTTOCKS, AND RIBS ARE PHYSICALLY AND PSYCHOLOGICALLY
9	HARMFUL, DESTRUCTIVE TO RELATIONSHIP BUILDING, AND INCONSISTENT
10	WITH THE THERAPEUTIC, TRAUMA-RESPONSIVE, AND NON-VIOLENT
11	ENVIRONMENT THE DIVISION IS COMMITTED TO CREATING;
12	(XI) FUNDAMENTAL CULTURAL CHANGE IS NEEDED AT THE
13	DIVISION IN ORDER TO PROVIDE FOR THE SAFETY OF YOUTHS AND STAFF
14	AND TO EFFECTUATE REAL AND LASTING PERSONAL CHANGE FOR THE
15	YOUTHS IN THE DIVISION'S CARE;
16	(XII) DIVISION STAFF NEED ADDITIONAL TOOLS AND TRAINING TO
17	REDUCE THE USE OF PHYSICAL RESTRAINTS AND TO PROMOTE STRONGER,
18	HEALTHIER RELATIONSHIPS WITH YOUTHS; AND
19	(XIII) TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY REGARDING
20	CRITICAL INCIDENTS, FIGHTS, ASSAULTS, RESTRAINTS, AND INJURIES THAT
21	OCCUR IN DIVISION FACILITIES ARE CRITICAL COMPONENTS OF CULTURAL
22	CHANGE.
23	(b) On and after January 1, 2018, the division shall
24	IMPLEMENT A PILOT PROGRAM TO AID IN THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A
25	DIVISION-WIDE THERAPEUTIC AND REHABILITATIVE CULTURE. THE PILOT
26	PROGRAM WILL TEST THE EFFICACY OF A THERAPEUTIC,
27	GROUP-TREATMENT APPROACH AND THE ABILITY OF THE DIVISION TO KEEP

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1	YOUTHS AND STAFF SAFE WITHOUT THE USE OF SECLUSION AND
2	MECHANICAL RESTRAINTS OTHER THAN HANDCUFFS. IN ADMINISTERING
3	THE PILOT PROGRAM, THE DIVISION SHALL:
4	(I) PROVIDE TREATMENT TO AT LEAST TWENTY YOUTHS
5	COMMITTED TO THE DIVISION'S CARE, DIVIDED INTO GROUPS OF NO MORE
6	THAN TWELVE. IN SELECTING YOUTHS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PILOT
7	PROGRAM, THE DIVISION SHALL ENSURE THAT THE YOUTHS REFLECT A
8	REPRESENTATIVE CROSS SECTION OF YOUTHS COMMITTED TO THE
9	DIVISION'S CARE WITH RESPECT TO AGE AND HISTORY OF VIOLENCE WITHIN
10	AND OUTSIDE FACILITIES OF THE DIVISION.
11	(II) GIVE HIRING OR TRANSFER PREFERENCE TO STAFF WHO AGREE
12	TO WORK AS STAFF IN THE PILOT PROGRAM;
13	(III) CREATE TEAMS OF YOUTHS AND STAFF BY ASSIGNING EACH
14	STAFF MEMBER TO A GROUP OF YOUTHS, TO WHICH GROUP THE STAFF
15	MEMBER REMAINS ASSIGNED THROUGHOUT THE PILOT PROGRAM;
16	(IV) REQUIRE STAFF ASSIGNED TO THE PILOT PROGRAM TO BE
17	TRAINED AS YOUTH SPECIALISTS AND HAVE OR ACQUIRE SUBSTANTIAL
18	KNOWLEDGE OF REHABILITATIVE TREATMENT, DE-ESCALATION,
19	ADOLESCENT BEHAVIOR MODIFICATION, TRAUMA, SAFETY, AND PHYSICAL
20	MANAGEMENT TECHNIQUES THAT DO NOT HARM YOUTH; ASSIGN NO STAFF
21	MEMBERS TO THE PILOT PROGRAM SOLELY AS SECURITY STAFF; AND
22	MAINTAIN A RATIO OF STAFF TO YOUTHS THAT MEETS OR EXCEEDS
23	NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED STANDARDS AND REFLECTS BEST PRACTICES;
24	(V) OPERATE HEALTHY, TRAUMA-RESPONSIVE ORGANIZATIONAL
25	ENVIRONMENTS AS DEMONSTRATED THROUGH PROSOCIAL, SAFE, AND
26	NON-VIOLENT INTERACTION BY:
27	(A) PRIORITIZING THE PHYSICAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL SAFETY OF

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1	YOUTHS AND STAFF;
2	(B) MEETING THE BASIC NEEDS OF YOUTHS, WHICH ARE FOOD,
3	CLOTHING, SHELTER, EMOTIONAL AND PHYSICAL SAFETY, BELONGING, AND
4	FAMILY INVOLVEMENT;
5	(C) CREATING A HUMANE ENVIRONMENT FOR YOUTHS THAT IS NOT
6	INSTITUTIONAL BUT IS HOME-LIKE, HEALTHY, AND THERAPEUTIC;
7	(D) HOLDING YOUTHS IN THE LEAST RESTRICTIVE ENVIRONMENT
8	POSSIBLE;
9	(E) EMPHASIZING POSITIVE BEHAVIORAL OUTCOMES WITH THE
10	GOAL OF HELPING YOUTHS TO PROGRESS FROM BEHAVIORAL COMPLIANCE
11	TO INTERNALIZED CHANGE;
12	(F) UTILIZING THE SMALL GROUP PROCESS AS A PRIMARY METHOD
13	OF PROVIDING TREATMENT SERVICES, WHERE RESOLUTION OF CORE ISSUES
14	AND DEVELOPMENT OF SOCIAL-EMOTIONAL COMPETENCY CAN OCCUR,
15	YOUTH BEHAVIORS ARE VIEWED AS HAVING A CAUSE, AND DETERMINING
16	THE PURPOSE OF A BEHAVIOR IS ESSENTIAL TO THE TREATMENT PROCESS;
17	(G) TO THE EXTENT POSSIBLE, ENSURING THAT EACH YOUTH IN
18	THE PILOT PROGRAM REMAINS WITH HIS OR HER GROUP AND DEDICATED
19	STAFF MEMBER DURING WAKING HOURS, EXCEPT FOR SPECIALIZED
20	TREATMENT OR EDUCATIONAL SERVICES;
21	(H) RELYING ON DE-ESCALATION AND RELATIONSHIP-BUILDING
22	TECHNIQUES THAT HELP STAFF MEMBERS AVOID PHYSICAL MANAGEMENT
23	AND RESTRAINT;
24	(I) PHASING OUT COMPLETELY WITHIN THE FIRST YEAR OF THE
25	PILOT PROGRAM THE USE OF RESTRAINT METHODS THAT PHYSICALLY
26	HARM YOUTHS, INCLUDING STRIKING YOUTHS, USING MECHANICAL
27	RESTRAINTS OTHER THAN HANDCUFFS, AND USING PAIN-COMPLIANCE OR

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1	PRESSURE-POINT TECHNIQUES;
2	(J) PROHIBITING A YOUTH FROM PARTICIPATING IN THE RESTRAINT
3	OF ANOTHER YOUTH;
4	(K) PHASING OUT COMPLETELY WITHIN THE FIRST YEAR OF THE
5	PILOT PROGRAM THE PRACTICE OF PLACING YOUTHS ALONE IN A ROOM OR
6	AREA BEHIND A LOCKED DOOR, EXCEPT DURING SLEEPING HOURS, AND
7	AVOIDING ISOLATION OF YOUTHS FROM THEIR PEERS;
8	(L) PROHIBITING STRIP SEARCHES OF YOUTHS ABSENT A
9	REASONABLE AND INDIVIDUALIZED SUSPICION THAT A YOUTH IS IN
10	POSSESSION OF CONTRABAND, EXCEPT THAT NOTHING HEREIN PROHIBITS
11	STAFF FROM REQUIRING YOUTHS TO EMPTY THEIR POCKETS OR SUBMIT TO
12	PAT-DOWN SEARCHES UPON RETURN FROM HOME VISITS;
13	(M) INTEGRATING TRAUMA-RESPONSIVE PRINCIPLES AND
14	PRACTICES INTO ALL ELEMENTS OF PROGRAMMING AND ENSURING THAT
15	ALL STAFF WHO WORK WITH YOUTHS ARE THOROUGHLY TRAINED TO
16	PROVIDE TRAUMA-RESPONSIVE CARE. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION,
17	"TRAUMA-RESPONSIVE" CARE MEANS CARE IN WHICH STAFF ARE TRAINED
18	TO EXPECT THE PRESENCE OF TRAUMA IN THE YOUTHS BEING SERVED, TO
19	RECOGNIZE HOW STAFF RESPONSE AND ORGANIZATIONAL PRACTICES MAY
20	TRIGGER PAINFUL MEMORIES AND RE-TRAUMATIZE YOUTHS WITH TRAUMA
21	HISTORIES, AND TO RESIST TAKING ACTIONS OR USING WORDS THAT
22	RE-TRAUMATIZE YOUTHS.
23	(N) PROVIDING CONTINUITY OF SERVICES AND RELATIONSHIPS
24	THROUGH A SEAMLESS CASE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM AND ASSIGNMENT OF
25	A DEDICATED CASE MANAGER TO EACH YOUTH, WHICH CASE MANAGER
26	SERVES AS THE PRIMARY ADVOCATE FOR THE YOUTH AND HIS OR HER
27	FAMILY AND WORKS ACTIVELY WITH BOTH THROUGHOUT THE PILOT

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1	PROGRAM;
2	(O) PRIORITIZING FAMILY ENGAGEMENT; AND
3	(P) FACILITATING COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT, CONSISTENT WITH
4	PRINCIPLES OF RESTORATIVE JUSTICE;
5	(VI) CONTRACT THROUGH A COMPETITIVE BID PROCESS WITH AN
6	INDEPENDENT THIRD PARTY TO FACILITATE, SUPERVISE, COACH, AND
7	TRAIN STAFF AND LEADERSHIP THROUGHOUT THE COURSE OF THE PILOT
8	PROGRAM. THE INDEPENDENT THIRD PARTY MUST HAVE EXPERTISE IN
9	SYSTEMIC CULTURAL TRANSFORMATION OF A YOUTH CORRECTIONAL
10	SYSTEM FROM A PUNITIVE, CORRECTIONAL CULTURE TO A REHABILITATIVE
11	AND THERAPEUTIC CULTURE. THE INDEPENDENT THIRD PARTY MUST HAVE
12	EXPERIENCE TRAINING STAFF IN PROVIDING RELATIONSHIP-BASED,
13	GROUP-CENTERED, TRAUMA-RESPONSIVE CARE AND DECREASING
14	VIOLENCE AGAINST YOUTHS AND STAFF IN FACILITIES. THE INDEPENDENT
15	THIRD PARTY SHALL ASSIST WITH IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PILOT
16	PROGRAM, PROVIDE TRAINING FOR STAFF WORKING IN THE PILOT
17	PROGRAM, AND PROVIDE AT LEAST ONE FULL-TIME CONSULTANT TO
18	PROVIDE ON-THE-GROUND MENTORSHIP, COACHING, AND TRAINING TO
19	PILOT-PROGRAM STAFF MEMBERS THROUGHOUT THE PILOT PROGRAM. THE
20	CONSULTANT SHALL ALSO PROVIDE TRAINING TO THE DIVISION'S
21	LEADERSHIP REGARDING THE PHILOSOPHIES AND TECHNIQUES USED IN THE
22	PILOT PROGRAM. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SUBSECTION (4)(b)(VI), ON
23	OR BEFORE SEPTEMBER 1, 2017, THE DIVISION SHALL REQUEST PROPOSALS
24	FROM CANDIDATES. THE DIVISION SHALL REQUIRE EACH CANDIDATE TO
25	SUBMIT ITS PROPOSAL TO THE DIVISION ON OR BEFORE NOVEMBER 1, 2017,
26	AND THE DIVISION SHALL CONTRACT WITH A CANDIDATE ON OR BEFORE
27	DECEMBER 1, 2017. THEREAFTER, THE DIVISION SHALL WORK ACTIVELY

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1	WITH THE CONTRACTED INDEPENDENT THIRD PARTY TO COMMENCE THE
2	PILOT PROGRAM AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. BEFORE THE PILOT PROGRAM
3	BEGINS, THE INDEPENDENT THIRD PARTY DESCRIBED IN THIS SUBSECTION
4	(4)b)(VI) SHALL IDENTIFY DATA TO BE COLLECTED BY THE DIVISION
5	THROUGHOUT THE PILOT PROGRAM FOR THE PURPOSE OF EVALUATING THE
6	EFFECTIVENESS AND OUTCOME OF THE PILOT PROGRAM. THE DIVISION
7	SHALL COLLECT THE DATA IDENTIFIED BY THE INDEPENDENT THIRD PARTY
8	AND PROVIDE IT TO THE INDEPENDENT THIRD PARTY DESCRIBED IN
9	SUBSECTION (4)(b)(VII) OF THIS SECTION UPON REQUEST.
10	(VII) CONTRACT THROUGH A COMPETITIVE BID PROCESS WITH AN
11	INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR OTHER THAN THE INDEPENDENT THIRD PARTY
12	DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION $(4)(b)(VI)$ OF THIS SECTION TO EVALUATE THE
13	EFFECTIVENESS AND OUTCOME OF THE PILOT PROGRAM. NOT LATER THAN
14	NINETY DAYS AFTER THE END OF THE PILOT PROGRAM, THE INDEPENDENT
15	THIRD PARTY DESCRIBED IN THIS SUBSECTION (4)(a)(VII) SHALL ASSESS
16	THE DATA PROVIDED TO IT BY THE INDEPENDENT THIRD PARTY DESCRIBED
17	IN SUBSECTION $(4)(b)(VI)$ of this section and complete and prepare
18	AN EVALUATION OF THE EFFECTIVENESS AND OUTCOME OF THE PILOT
19	PROGRAM. THE DIVISION SHALL MAKE THE DATA AND THE EVALUATION
20	AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC UPON REQUEST. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS
21	SUBSECTION (4)(b)(VII), ON OR BEFORE MARCH 1, 2021, THE DIVISION
22	SHALL REQUEST PROPOSALS FROM CANDIDATES. THE DIVISION SHALL
23	REQUIRE EACH CANDIDATE TO SUBMIT ITS PROPOSAL TO THE DIVISION ON
24	OR BEFORE MAY 1, 2021, AND THE DIVISION SHALL CONTRACT WITH A
25	CANDIDATE ON OR BEFORE JUNE 1, 2021.
26	(VIII) PERFORM THE NECESSARY CONSTRUCTION AND
27	RENOVATION, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE INDEPENDENT THIRD PARTY

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1	$\hbox{\it described in subsection (4)(b)(VI) of this section, to create youth}$
2	RESIDENCES FOR THE PILOT PROGRAM THAT ARE HOME-LIKE AND
3	THERAPEUTIC, INCLUDING HOME-LIKE SLEEPING QUARTERS AND LIVING
4	AND GROUP MEETING AREAS.
5	(c) (I) The division of youth services pilot program cash
6	FUND, REFERRED TO IN THIS SUBSECTION (4) AS THE "FUND", IS HEREBY
7	CREATED IN THE STATE TREASURY. THE FUND CONSISTS OF MONEY
8	CREDITED TO THE FUND PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION $(4)(c)(IV)$ of this
9	SECTION AND ANY OTHER MONEY THAT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY MAY
10	APPROPRIATE OR TRANSFER TO THE FUND.
11	(II) THE STATE TREASURER SHALL CREDIT ALL INTEREST AND
12	INCOME DERIVED FROM THE DEPOSIT AND INVESTMENT OF MONEY IN THE
13	FUND TO THE FUND. ANY UNEXPENDED AND UNENCUMBERED MONEY
14	REMAINING IN THE FUND AT THE END OF A FISCAL YEAR REMAINS IN THE
15	FUND AND DOES NOT REVERT TO THE GENERAL FUND.
16	(III) SUBJECT TO ANNUAL APPROPRIATION BY THE GENERAL
17	ASSEMBLY, THE DIVISION MAY EXPEND MONEY FROM THE FUND FOR THE
18	PURPOSES DESCRIBED IN THIS SUBSECTION (4).
19	(IV) THE DIVISION MAY SEEK, ACCEPT, AND EXPEND GIFTS,
20	GRANTS, OR DONATIONS FROM PRIVATE OR PUBLIC SOURCES FOR THE
21	PURPOSES OF THIS SUBSECTION (4). THE DIVISION SHALL TRANSMIT ALL
22	MONEY RECEIVED THROUGH GIFTS, GRANTS, OR DONATIONS TO THE STATE
23	TREASURER, WHO SHALL CREDIT THE MONEY TO THE FUND.
24	(V) THE STATE TREASURER SHALL TRANSFER ALL UNEXPENDED
25	AND UNENCUMBERED MONEY IN THE FUND ON JULY 1, 2021, TO THE
26	GENERAL FUND.
27	(d) This subsection (4) is repealed, effective July 1, 2021.

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1	(5) Assessment of the division of youth services - repeal.
2	(a) On or before December 1, 2017, the division shall contract
3	WITH AN INDEPENDENT THIRD PARTY OTHER THAN THE INDEPENDENT
4	THIRD PARTIES DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTIONS $(4)(b)(VI)$ and $(4)(b)(VII)$ of
5	THIS SECTION TO CONDUCT A PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT THAT
6	EVALUATES SAFETY IN ALL FACILITIES OF THE DIVISION FOR YOUTHS AND
7	STAFF.
8	(b) On the effective date of this subsection (5), the division
9	SHALL COMMENCE PREPARING A REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL TO SOLICIT
10	PROPOSALS FROM INTERESTED PARTIES WHO WISH TO CONTRACT FOR THE
11	PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT DESCRIBED IN THIS SUBSECTION (5). THE
12	DIVISION SHALL ISSUE THE REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL ON OR BEFORE
13	September~1, 2017, and shall require interested parties~to~submit
14	THEIR COMPLETED REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS TO THE DIVISION ON OR
15	BEFORE NOVEMBER 1, 2017.
16	(c) THE GOAL OF THE ASSESSMENT IS TO DETERMINE THE MOST
17	HUMANE AND EFFECTIVE METHODS OR APPROACHES TO KEEPING YOUTH
18	AND STAFF SAFE AND KEEPING VIOLENCE IN FACILITIES TO A MINIMUM.
19	THE ASSESSMENT MUST:
20	(I) ASSESS THE DIVISION'S DE-ESCALATION,
21	PHYSICAL-MANAGEMENT, AND SAFETY PROTOCOLS AND ACTUAL
22	PRACTICES; ITS TREATMENT APPROACH, INCLUDING ITS FIDELITY TO THE
23	PROVISION OF TRAUMA-RESPONSIVE CARE; AND ITS OVERALL ABILITY TO
24	MAINTAIN THE SAFETY OF YOUTHS AND STAFF;
25	(II) COMPARE THE DIVISION'S PRACTICES TO BEST PRACTICES IN
26	OTHER JUVENILE JUSTICE JURISDICTIONS FOR INCARCERATED YOUTHS UP
27	TO TWENTY-ONE YEARS OF AGE REGARDING DE-ESCALATION, SECLUSION,

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1	AND PHYSICAL MANAGEMENT, INCLUDING PHYSICAL AND MECHANICAL
2	RESTRAINT METHODS;
3	(III) COMPARE THE DIVISION'S OUTCOMES TO BEST OUTCOMES
4	FROM YOUTH CORRECTIONAL AGENCIES IN OTHER JUVENILE JUSTICE
5	JURISDICTIONS REGARDING THE FREQUENCY OF FIGHTS, ASSAULTS ON
6	YOUTHS AND STAFF, INJURIES TO YOUTHS AND STAFF, EDUCATION, AND
7	RECIDIVISM AND THE USE OF PHYSICAL MANAGEMENT, MECHANICAL
8	RESTRAINTS, AND SECLUSION; AND
9	(IV) EVALUATE THE DIVISION'S ADHERENCE IN PRACTICE TO ITS
10	OWN STATED POLICIES AND EXISTING LAW CONCERNING THE USE OF
11	RESTRAINT AND SECLUSION, THE PROVISION OF TRAUMA-RESPONSIVE
12	CARE, AND THE USE OF RESTORATIVE JUSTICE.
13	(d) In the report described in subsection (5)(e) of this
14	SECTION, THE INDEPENDENT THIRD PARTY SHALL PROVIDE THE DIVISION
15	WITH COMPREHENSIVE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ANY CHANGES THE
16	DIVISION CAN MAKE TO ITS POLICIES AND PRACTICES REGARDING
17	DE-ESCALATION, PHYSICAL-MANAGEMENT, AND THE PROVISION OF
18	TRAUMA-RESPONSIVE CARE CONSISTENT WITH BEST PRACTICES, WHILE
19	AVOIDING HARMING YOUTHS IN THE DIVISION'S CUSTODY.
20	(e) On or before May 1, 2018, the independent third party
21	SHALL COMPLETE ITS ASSESSMENT AND SUBMIT A REPORT OF ITS FINDINGS
22	AND RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE JUDICIARY COMMITTEES OF THE HOUSE
23	OF REPRESENTATIVES AND SENATE, TO THE PUBLIC HEALTH CARE AND
24	HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, AND
25	TO THE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE OF THE SENATE, OR TO
26	ANY SUCCESSOR COMMITTEES.
27	(f) This subsection (5) is repealed, effective July 1, 2018.

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I	SECTION 2. In Colorado Revised Statutes, add 19-2-203.5 as
2	follows:
3	19-2-203.5. Division of youth services - community boards.
4	(1) THERE IS CREATED IN EACH REGION OF THE DIVISION OF YOUTH
5	SERVICES A COMMUNITY BOARD TO:
6	(a) PROMOTE TRANSPARENCY AND COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT IN
7	DIVISION FACILITIES WITHIN THE REGION;
8	(b) Provide opportunities for youths to build positive
9	RELATIONSHIPS WITH ADULT ROLE MODELS; AND
10	(c) PROMOTE YOUTH INVOLVEMENT IN THE COMMUNITY.
11	(2) (a) EACH COMMUNITY BOARD MUST INCLUDE SIX MEMBERS
12	WITH A DIVERSE ARRAY OF EXPERIENCE AND PERSPECTIVES RELATED TO
13	INCARCERATED YOUTHS. EACH MEMBER OF EACH BOARD SHALL BE A
14	RESIDENT OF, OR WORK WITHIN, THE REGION IN WHICH HE OR SHE SERVES.
15	(b) THE GOVERNOR OR HIS OR HER DESIGNEE SHALL APPOINT EACH
16	MEMBER OF EACH BOARD TO A TERM OF THREE YEARS, AND EACH MEMBER
17	MAY SERVE AN UNLIMITED NUMBER OF TERMS. EACH MEMBER MUST
18	SERVE WITHOUT COMPENSATION.
19	(c) A MEMBER OF A COMMUNITY BOARD MAY NOT BE EMPLOYED
20	BY THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES OR THE DIVISION OF YOUTH
21	SERVICES.
22	(d) EACH COMMUNITY BOARD SHALL ELECT A CHAIR AND A
23	VICE-CHAIR FROM AMONG ITS MEMBERS.
24	(e) EACH COMMUNITY BOARD SHALL MEET AT LEAST ONCE EVERY
25	THREE MONTHS. THE CHAIR OF EACH COMMUNITY BOARD MAY CALL SUCH
26	ADDITIONAL MEETINGS AS ARE NECESSARY FOR THE COMMUNITY BOARD
27	TO ACCOMPLISH ITS DUTIES

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1	(3) (a) LEADERSHIP AND STAFF MEMBERS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF
2	HUMAN SERVICES AND THE DIVISION OF YOUTH SERVICES, AS WELL AS
3	REPRESENTATIVES OF AN ORGANIZATION IN COLORADO THAT EXISTS FOR
4	THE PURPOSE OF DEALING WITH THE STATE AS AN EMPLOYER CONCERNING
5	ISSUES OF MUTUAL CONCERN BETWEEN EMPLOYEES AND THE STATE, ARE
6	INVITED TO ATTEND COMMUNITY BOARD MEETINGS TO PROVIDE THEIR
7	PERSPECTIVES.
8	(b) A MANAGEMENT-LEVEL EMPLOYEE OF EACH FACILITY IN EACH
9	REGION SHALL ATTEND EACH MEETING OF THEIR REGIONAL COMMUNITY
10	BOARD. AT LEAST ONCE EVERY THREE MONTHS, A REPRESENTATIVE OF
11	THE DIVISION OF YOUTH SERVICES SHALL UPDATE THE COMMUNITY BOARD
12	REGARDING NEW POLICIES, PRACTICES, AND PROGRAMS AFFECTING THE
13	REGION AND ANY ISSUES OF CONCERN IN THE REGION DURING THE PAST
14	QUARTER.
15	(4) The division shall allow board members to have
16	PERIODIC ACCESS TO ENTER FACILITIES IN THEIR REGIONS ON AT LEAST A
17	QUARTERLY BASIS AND SPEAK WITH YOUTHS AND STAFF, UNLESS AN
18	EMERGENCY PREVENTS SUCH ACCESS.
19	SECTION 3. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 26-20-106, amend
20	(2) introductory portion, (2)(k), (3) introductory portion, (4), and (6) as
21	follows:
22	26-20-106. Documentation requirements for restraint and
23	seclusion - adults and youth. (2) The division of youth corrections
24	SERVICES shall maintain the following documentation each time a youth
25	is placed in seclusion as a result of an emergency in any secure
26	state-operated or state-owned facility:
27	(k) The written approval by the director of the division of youth

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that extends beyond four consecutive hours, as required by section 26-20-104.5. This written approval must include documentation of specific facts to demonstrate that the emergency was ongoing and specific reasons why a referral to a mental health facility was not warranted.

- (3) The division of youth corrections SERVICES shall maintain the following documentation each time one or more youths are placed in confinement for administrative reasons pursuant to section 26-20-104.5 (3) in a secure state-operated or state-owned facility:
- (4) On or before January 1, 2017, and on or before July 1, 2017, and every January 1 and July 1 thereafter, the division of youth corrections SERVICES shall report on its use of RESTRAINT OR seclusion in any secure state-operated or state-owned facility to the youth RESTRAINT AND seclusion working group established in section 26-20-110. The January report must include information from March 1 through August 31, and the July report must include information from September 1 through the last day of February. The reports must include the following:
- (a) An incident report on any use of seclusion on a youth due to an emergency for more than four consecutive hours, or for more than eight total hours in two consecutive calendar days. Each incident report must include length of seclusion, specific facts that demonstrate that the emergency was ongoing, any incidents of self-harm while in seclusion, the reasons why attempts to process the youth out of seclusion were unsuccessful, and any corrective measures taken to prevent lengthy or repeat periods of seclusion in the future. To protect the privacy of the youth, the division of youth corrections SERVICES shall redact all private medical or mental health information and personal identifying

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1	information, including, if necessary, the facility at which the seclusion
2	occurred.
3	(b) A report that lists the following aggregate information, both
4	as combined totals and totals by facility for all secure state-operated or
5	state-owned facilities:
6	(I) The total number of youth YOUTHS held in seclusion OR
7	RESTRAINT due to an emergency;
8	(II) The total number of incidents of seclusion OR RESTRAINT due
9	to an emergency;
10	(III) The average time in seclusion OR RESTRAINT per incident;
11	and
12	(IV) An aggregate summary of race, age, and gender of youth
13	YOUTHS held in seclusion or RESTRAINT; AND
14	(V) THE TYPE OF RESTRAINT OR RESTRAINTS USED IN EACH
15	INCIDENT; AND
16	(c) AN INCIDENT REPORT FOR ANY YOUTH WHOM THE DIVISION
17	ISOLATES FROM HIS OR HER PEERS FOR MORE THAN EIGHT HOURS IN TWO
18	CONSECUTIVE CALENDAR DAYS. EACH INCIDENT REPORT MUST INCLUDE
19	THE AGE, RACE, AND GENDER OF THE YOUTH; THE NAME OF THE FACILITY;
20	THE LENGTH OF TIME THAT THE YOUTH WAS ISOLATED FROM HIS OR HER
21	PEERS; AND THE JUSTIFICATION FOR THE ISOLATION ON AN HOUR-BY-HOUR
22	BASIS. IF THE DIVISION HAS PREPARED AN INCIDENT REPORT OF AN
23	INCIDENT INVOLVING SECLUSION PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION $(4)(a)$ OF THIS
24	SECTION, THE DIVISION IS NOT REQUIRED TO INCLUDE A REPORT OF THE
25	SAME INCIDENT PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTION $(4)(c)$.
26	(6) Prior to January 1, 2018, the division of youth corrections
27	SERVICES shall meet the requirements of this section to the extent that it

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1	is able using its current reporting mechanisms. The division of youth
2	corrections SERVICES shall fully comply with all requirements of this
3	section on or before January 1, 2018.
4	SECTION 4. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 26-20-110, amend
5	(1), (2), (3), (4), and (6) as follows:
6	26-20-110. Youth restraint and seclusion working group -
7	membership - purpose - repeal. (1) There is established within the
8	division of youth corrections SERVICES a youth RESTRAINT AND seclusion
9	working group, referred to in this section as the "working group". The
10	working group consists of:
11	(a) The director of the office of children, youth, and families in
12	the division of child welfare within the state department, or his or her
13	designee. The director shall convene the working group and serve as
14	chair.
15	(b) The director of the division of youth corrections SERVICES, or
16	his or her designee;
17	(c) The director of behavioral health within the division of youth
18	corrections SERVICES, or his or her designee;
19	(d) The director of the office of behavioral health within the state
20	department, or his or her designee;
21	(e) An employee of the division of youth corrections SERVICES
22	who is a representative of an organization in Colorado that exists for the
23	purpose of dealing with the state as an employer concerning issues of
24	mutual concern between employees and the state, as appointed by the
25	governor;
26	(f) Two representatives from nonprofit advocacy groups that work
27	to restrict RESTRAINT OR seclusion for youth or that represent children

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within the custody of the division of youth corrections SERVICES, one who is appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives and one who is appointed by the president of the senate; and

- (g) Two experts independent from the division of youth corrections SERVICES with expertise in adolescent development, adolescent brain development, trauma-informed TRAUMA-RESPONSIVE care of juveniles, positive behavior incentives in a juvenile correctional setting, evidence-based de-escalation techniques, or the negative effects of seclusion on the adolescent brain. The minority leader of the house of representatives shall appoint one expert and the minority leader of the senate shall appoint the other expert; AND
- (h) A PERSON WHO DOES NOT WORK FOR THE DEPARTMENT OR FOR THE DIVISION OF YOUTH SERVICES AND WHO HAS WORKED AS A STAFF MEMBER OR AS A SENIOR EXECUTIVE IN YOUTH CORRECTIONS AND WHO HAS EXPERIENCE WORKING TO ESTABLISH A REHABILITATIVE AND THERAPEUTIC CULTURE IN ONE OR MORE JUVENILE JUSTICE FACILITIES, TO BE APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR OR HIS OR HER DESIGNEE.
- (2) The working group shall advise the division of youth corrections on SERVICES CONCERNING policies, procedures, and best practices related to RESTRAINT AND seclusion and alternatives to such RESTRAINT AND seclusion.
- (3) The working group shall monitor the division of youth corrections' SERVICES' use of confinement for administrative purposes. The division of youth corrections SERVICES shall share with the working group, on an ongoing basis, available data regarding time spent in confinement by youth YOUTHS for administrative reasons, as described in section 26-20-104.5 (3), in any secure state-operated and state-owned

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facility. If necessary, the working group may make recommendations to the division of youth corrections SERVICES and TO the public health care and human services committee of the house of representatives and the health and human services committee of the senate, or any successor committees, about the use of confinement for administrative purposes.

- (4) The working group may request, on a semiannual basis, information and data from the state department on the status of the division of youth corrections' SERVICES' work related to the RESTRAINT AND seclusion of youth YOUTHS in their care and custody.
- (6) The chair shall provide the working group with semiannual updates on the division of youth corrections' SERVICES' policies related to RESTRAINT AND seclusion and alternatives to RESTRAINT AND seclusion.
- **SECTION 5.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 19-1-304, **amend** (8)(b) introductory portion, (8)(b)(V), (8)(c), and (8)(d) as follows:
- 19-1-304. Juvenile delinquency records division of youth services critical incident information definitions. (8) Division of youth services critical incident information. (b) The department of human services, the division of youth corrections SERVICES, or any agency with relevant information shall release the following information related to any critical incident, or aggregate of critical incidents, that occurred in a facility operated by the division of youth corrections SERVICES upon request so long as the disclosing agency, EXCEPT AS DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (8)(b)(V) OF THIS SECTION, redacts any identifying information, any information concerning security procedures or protocols, and any information that would jeopardize the safety of the community, youth YOUTHS, or staff:
 - (V) A summary of any critical incident that has occurred. THE

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1	SUMMARY MUST INCLUDE A DESCRIPTION OF THE FOLLOWING ITEMS,
2	WHICH ITEMS THE DIVISION SHALL NOT REDACT:
3	(A) THE ACTIONS OF YOUTHS AND STAFF DURING THE COURSE OF
4	THE INCIDENT;
5	(B) ANY PHYSICAL FORCE USED BY A YOUTH OR BY STAFF;
6	(C) ANY RESTRAINT OF A YOUTH;
7	(D) ANY RESTRAINT METHODS UTILIZED;
8	(E) THE LENGTH OF TIME THAT EACH YOUTH INVOLVED IN THE
9	CRITICAL INCIDENT WAS RESTRAINED;
10	(F) ANY SECLUSION OF A YOUTH;
11	(G) THE LENGTH OF TIME THAT EACH YOUTH INVOLVED IN THE
12	CRITICAL INCIDENT WAS SECLUDED;
13	(H) ANY INJURY TO A YOUTH OR STAFF MEMBER;
14	(I) ANY PUNISHMENT INCURRED BY A YOUTH OR BY A STAFF
15	MEMBER AS A RESULT OF THE CRITICAL INCIDENT; AND
16	(J) ANY RESTORATIVE JUSTICE PRACTICES IMPLEMENTED BY THE
17	DIVISION IN RESPONSE TO THE CRITICAL INCIDENT.
18	(c) The division of youth corrections SERVICES, the department of
19	human services, or any agency with relevant information related to a
20	critical incident shall provide redacted records related to the critical
21	incident, provided confidentiality is maintained. and THE DIVISION may
22	charge a fee in accordance with section 24-72-205; C.R.S. EXCEPT THAT
23	A MEMBER OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY MAY OBTAIN THIS INFORMATION
24	FROM THE DIVISION FREE OF CHARGE NOT MORE THAN TWICE EACH YEAR.
25	(d) The division of youth corrections SERVICES may release to the
26	public information at any time to correct inaccurate information
27	pertaining to the critical incident that was reported in the news media, so

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1 long as the release of information by the division protects the 2 confidentiality of any youth involved; is not explicitly in conflict with 3 federal law; is not contrary to the best interest of the child who is the 4 subject of the report, or his or her siblings; is in the public's best interest; 5 and is consistent with the federal "Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment 6 Reauthorization Act of 2010", Pub.L. 111-320. 7 **SECTION 6.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 19-1-305, **add** (3) as 8 follows: 9 **19-1-305.** Operation of juvenile facilities. (3) AN ATTORNEY 10 FOR A JUVENILE WHO PRESENTS THE DIVISION OF YOUTH SERVICES WITH A 11 VALID RELEASE-OF-INFORMATION REQUEST IS ENTITLED TO ALL RECORDS, 12 INCLUDING DOCUMENTS AND VIDEO RECORDINGS, RELATED TO THE 13 JUVENILE WHILE HE OR SHE WAS IN THE CUSTODY OF THE DIVISION, 14 INCLUDING ANY RECORDS RELATING TO ANY INCIDENT IN WHICH THE 15 JUVENILE WAS RESTRAINED OR PLACED IN SECLUSION. THE RECORDS MUST 16 INCLUDE, BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO, COMPLETE INCIDENT REPORTS, 17 INCLUDING BEHAVIOR MANAGEMENT PLANS, RECORDS RELATED TO STRIP 18 SEARCHES, AND DESCRIPTIONS OF STAFF MEMBERS' USES OF FORCE. 19 REDACTIONS OF SUCH RECORDS ARE PROHIBITED EXCEPT FOR THE 20 PURPOSE OF PROTECTING THE IDENTITY OF JUVENILES OTHER THAN THE 21 JUVENILE WHO REQUESTED THE RELEASE OF THE RECORDS. 22 **SECTION 7.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 19-2-508, amend 23 (3)(c)(IV), (3)(c)(V), and (7) as follows:24 19-2-508. Detention and shelter - hearing - time limits -25 findings - review - confinement with adult offenders - restrictions. 26 (3) (c) (IV) After charges are filed directly in district court against a

juvenile pursuant to section 19-2-517 or a juvenile is transferred to

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district court pursuant to section 19-2-518, the division of youth corrections SERVICES may petition the district court to transport the juvenile to an adult jail. The district court shall hold a hearing on the place of pretrial detention for the juvenile as soon as practicable, but no later than twenty TWENTY-ONE days after the receipt of the division's petition to transport. The district attorney, sheriff, or juvenile may file a response to the petition and participate in the hearing. The juvenile shall remain in a juvenile detention facility pending hearing and decision by the district court.

- (V) If a juvenile is placed in the division of youth corrections SERVICES and is being tried in district court, the division of youth corrections SERVICES may petition the court for a forthwith ANIMMEDIATE hearing to terminate juvenile detention placement if the juvenile's placement in a juvenile detention facility presents an imminent danger to the other juveniles or to staff at the detention facility. In making its determination, the court shall review the factors set forth in subparagraph (HI) of this paragraph (c) SUBSECTION (3)(c)(III) OF THIS SECTION.
- (7) Any law enforcement officer, employee of the division of youth corrections SERVICES, or another person acting under the direction of the court who in good faith transports any juvenile, releases any juvenile from custody pursuant to a written policy of a court, releases any juvenile pursuant to any written criteria established pursuant to this title TITLE 19, or detains any juvenile pursuant to court order or written policy or criteria established pursuant to this title shall be TITLE 19 IS immune from civil or criminal liability that might otherwise result by reason of such act. For purposes of any proceedings, civil or criminal, the good faith of any such person shall be IS presumed.

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1	SECTION 8. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 19-2-411.5, amend
2	(5) as follows:
3	19-2-411.5. Juvenile facility - contract for operation.
4	(5) (a) On an annual basis, the department of human services shall
5	calculate the recidivism rate AND EDUCATIONAL OUTCOMES for committed
6	juveniles in the custody of the department of human services who
7	complete the program offered by the EACH facility. In calculating the
8	recidivism rate, the department of human services shall include any
9	juvenile who commits a criminal offense, either as a juvenile or as an
10	adult, within three years after leaving the facility. The department of
11	human services shall report the recidivism rate AND EDUCATIONAL
12	OUTCOMES to the general assembly.
13	(b) The state auditor, as provided in Section 2-3-124, shall
14	AUDIT THE REPORTS DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (5)(a) OF THIS SECTION
15	FOR ACCURACY AND QUALITY.
16	SECTION 9. In Colorado Revised Statutes, add 2-3-124 as
17	follows:
18	2-3-124. Audits of reports of recidivism and educational
19	outcomes by the division of youth services. On or before January 1,
20	2019, AND ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 1, 2024, THE STATE AUDITOR SHALL
21	AUDIT THE REPORTS OF RECIDIVISM RATES AND EDUCATIONAL OUTCOMES
22	FOR YOUTHS COMMITTED TO THE DIVISION OF YOUTH SERVICES IN THE
23	STATE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES, WHICH REPORTS ARE PROVIDED
24	PURSUANT TO SECTION 19-2-411.5 (5). EACH SUCH AUDIT MUST EXAMINE
25	THE DIVISION'S REPORTS DURING THE PRECEDING FIVE YEARS FOR
26	ACCURACY AND QUALITY. AFTER JANUARY 1, 2024, THE STATE AUDITOR,
27	AT HIS OR HER DISCRETION MAY CONDUCT ADDITIONAL AUDITS OF THE

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1	DIVISION OF YOUTH SERVICES.
2	SECTION 10. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-75-402, amend
3	(5)(jj) and (5)(kk); and add (5)(ll) as follows:
4	24-75-402. Cash funds - limit on uncommitted reserves -
5	reduction in amount of fees - exclusions - repeal. (5) Notwithstanding
6	any provision of this section to the contrary, the following cash funds are
7	excluded from the limitations specified in this section:
8	(jj) The licensing services cash fund created in section 42-2-114.5
9	(1); C.R.S.; and
10	(kk) The cybersecurity cash fund created in section 24-33.5-1906;
11	AND
12	(11) THE DIVISION OF YOUTH SERVICES PILOT PROGRAM CASH FUND
13	CREATED IN SECTION 19-2-203 (4).
14	SECTION 11. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 1-2-210.5, amend
15	(1) and (5)(a) as follows:
16	1-2-210.5. Registration of and voting by persons in custody of
17	division of youth services - definitions. (1) In the case of any individual
18	committed to a juvenile facility and in the custody of the division of youth
19	corrections SERVICES in the department of human services created in
20	section 19-2-203 (1) C.R.S., who is eighteen years of age or older on the
21	date of the next election, the administrator of the facility in which the
22	individual is committed shall facilitate the registration for voting purposes
23	of, and voting by, the individual. In connection with this requirement, the
24	administrator shall provide the individual information regarding his or her
25	voting rights and how the individual may register to vote and cast a mail
26	ballot, provide the individual with voter information materials upon the
27	request of the individual, and ensure that any mail ballot cast by the

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1 individual is timely delivered to the designated election official. 2 (5) As used in this section: 3 "Administrator" means the administrator, or his or her 4 designee, of the division of youth corrections SERVICES created in section 5 19-2-203 (1), C.R.S., a residential facility operated by the division of 6 youth corrections SERVICES, or a residential facility that contracts with the 7 division of youth corrections SERVICES in which a person committed to 8 the department of human services is confined and eligible to register to 9 vote and cast a ballot. 10 **SECTION 12.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 2-3-208, amend 11 (3)(b)(I) as follows: 12 2-3-208. Budget requests - amendments - supplemental 13 appropriation requests - deadlines - definitions. (3) (b) (I) The 14 department of education shall submit a request for a supplemental 15 appropriation pursuant to section 22-54-106 (4)(b) C.R.S., to the joint 16 budget committee by January 15. The department of corrections and the 17 division of youth corrections SERVICES in the department of human 18 services shall each submit a request for a supplemental appropriation 19 related to changes in caseload to the joint budget committee by January 15. 20 21 **SECTION 13.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 2-3-1203, amend 22 (15)(a) introductory portion and (15)(a)(V) as follows: 23 2-3-1203. Sunset review of advisory committees - legislative 24 **declaration - definition - repeal.** (15) (a) The following statutory 25 authorizations for the designated advisory committees will repeal ARE 26 SCHEDULED FOR REPEAL on September 1, 2024:

(V) The youth RESTRAINT AND seclusion working group in the

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1	division of youth corrections services created in section 20-20-110.
2	C.R.S.
3	SECTION 14. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 16-11.7-103,
4	amend (1) introductory portion and (1)(c)(II) as follows:
5	16-11.7-103. Sex offender management board - creation -
6	duties - repeal. (1) There is hereby created in the department of public
7	safety a sex offender management board that shall consist CONSISTS of
8	twenty-five members. The membership of the board shall MUST reflect,
9	to the extent possible, representation of urban and rural areas of the state
10	and a balance of expertise in adult and juvenile issues relating to persons
11	who commit sex offenses. The membership of the board shall consist
12	CONSISTS of the following persons who shall be ARE appointed as
13	follows:
14	(c) The executive director of the department of human services
15	shall appoint three members as follows:
16	(II) One member who represents the division of youth corrections
17	SERVICES in the department of human services; and
18	SECTION 15. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 16-11.9-102,
19	amend (2) introductory portion as follows:
20	16-11.9-102. Mental illness screening - standardized process
21	- development. (2) In conjunction with the development of a
22	standardized mental illness screening procedure for the adult criminal
23	justice system as specified in subsection (1) of this section, the judicial
24	department, the division of youth corrections SERVICES within the
25	department of human services, the unit responsible for child welfare
26	services within the department of human services, the unit within the
27	department of human services that administers behavioral health

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1 programs and services, including those related to mental health and 2 substance abuse, the division of criminal justice within the department of 3 public safety, and the department of corrections shall cooperate to 4 develop a standardized screening procedure for the assessment of mental 5 illness in juveniles who are involved in the juvenile justice system. The 6 standardized screening procedure shall include, but is not limited to: 7 **SECTION 16.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 16-20.5-102, 8 **amend** the introductory portion and (10) as follows: 9 **16-20.5-102. Definitions.** As used in this article ARTICLE 20.5, 10 unless the context otherwise requires: 11 (10) "TRAILS" means the case management system of the 12 division of youth corrections SERVICES of the department of human 13 services. 14 **SECTION 17.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 16-22-103, amend 15 (4) as follows: 16 16-22-103. Sex offender registration - required - applicability 17 - exception. (4) The provisions of this article shall ARTICLE 22 apply to 18 any person who receives a disposition or is adjudicated a juvenile 19 delinquent based on the commission of any act that may constitute 20 unlawful sexual behavior or who receives a deferred adjudication based 21 on commission of any act that may constitute unlawful sexual behavior; 22 except that, with respect to section 16-22-113 (1)(a) to (1)(e), a person 23 may petition the court for an order to discontinue the duty to register as 24 provided in those paragraphs, but only if the person has not subsequently 25 received a disposition for, been adjudicated a juvenile delinquent for, or 26 been otherwise convicted of any offense involving unlawful sexual 27 behavior. In addition, the duty to provide notice to a person of the duty to

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1	register, as set forth in sections 16-22-105 to 16-22-107, shall apply
2	APPLIES to juvenile parole and probation officers and appropriate
3	personnel of the division of youth corrections SERVICES in the department
4	of human services.
5	SECTION 18. In Colorado Revised Statutes, amend 17-31-101
6	as follows:
7	17-31-101. Legislative declaration. The general assembly hereby
8	finds it necessary to provide for and encourage the implementation of
9	programs within the state's correctional facilities, the probation division
10	of the judicial department, the parole division within the department of
11	corrections, the division of youth corrections SERVICES within the
12	department of human services, and the department of public safety that
13	enable volunteers to effectively assist with the rehabilitation and
14	transition of adult and juvenile offenders. The general assembly further
15	finds that ENCOURAGES the maximum use of volunteers should be
16	encouraged to complement the regular staffs of such adult and juvenile
17	corrections, parole, and probation, AND JUVENILE SERVICES divisions and
18	that ENCOURAGES volunteers should be encouraged to participate in
19	existing programs for adult and juvenile offenders in those divisions. The
20	general assembly finds that such volunteers should be allowed, where
21	practical and within the safety and security requirements of the applicable
22	institution or program, to meet with and freely communicate with
23	offenders to assist with the rehabilitation and transition of such offenders,

SECTION 19. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 17-31-102, **amend** the introductory portion and (2) as follows:

in order to establish support groups and systems outside of the

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1	17-31-102. Definitions. As used in this article ARTICLE 31, unless
2	the context otherwise requires:
3	(2) "Division" means the division or department directing or
4	administering any public or private correctional institution or detention
5	facility in which offenders are housed or treated, any probation program
6	within each judicial district, or any juvenile or adult parole program,
7	including but not limited to, the judicial department, the department of
8	public safety and the division of criminal justice therein, the department
9	of corrections and the division of adult parole therein, and the department
10	of human services and the division of youth corrections SERVICES therein.
11	SECTION 20. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 17-31-103, amend
12	(1)(d) as follows:
13	17-31-103. Volunteers - rehabilitation and transition -
14	programs. (1) Each division shall facilitate, where practicable, the use
15	of volunteers to assist and participate in the development and
16	implementation of programs for the rehabilitation and transition of and
17	growth of support groups and systems for adult and juvenile offenders in
18	the following institutions and programs:
19	(d) The juvenile parole program of the division of youth
20	corrections SERVICES within the department of human services;
21	SECTION 21. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 18-1.3-107, amend
22	(4)(a) as follows:
23	18-1.3-107. Sentencing order - collateral relief - definitions.
24	(4) (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, an order of collateral
25	relief cannot relieve any collateral consequences imposed by law for
26	licensure by the department of education or any collateral consequences
27	imposed by law for employment with the judicial branch, the department

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1	of corrections, division of youth corrections SERVICES in the department
2	of human services, or any other law enforcement agency in the state of
3	Colorado.
4	SECTION 22. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 18-1.3-213, amend
5	(4)(a) as follows:
6	18-1.3-213. Sentencing order - collateral relief - definitions.
7	(4) (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, an order of collateral
8	relief cannot relieve any collateral consequences imposed by law for
9	licensure by the department of education or any collateral consequences
10	imposed by law for employment with the judicial branch, the department
11	of corrections, division of youth corrections SERVICES in the department
12	of human services, or any other law enforcement agency in the state of
13	Colorado.
14	SECTION 23. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 18-1.3-303, amend
15	(4)(a) as follows:
16	18-1.3-303. Sentencing order - collateral relief - definitions.
17	(4) (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, an order of collateral
18	relief cannot relieve any collateral consequences imposed by law for
19	licensure by the department of education or any collateral consequences
20	imposed by law for employment with the judicial branch, the department
21	of corrections, division of youth corrections SERVICES in the department
22	of human services, or any other law enforcement agency in the state of
23	Colorado.
24	SECTION 24. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 18-1.9-101, amend
25	(1)(c) as follows:
26	18-1.9-101. Legislative declaration. (1) The general assembly
2.7	hereby finds that:

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1	(c) The Colorado division of youth corrections SERVICES estimates
2	that twenty-four percent of juveniles in the juvenile justice system are
3	diagnosed with mental illness;
4	SECTION 25. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 18-1.9-104, amend
5	(1)(c)(IV)(B) as follows:
6	18-1.9-104. Task force concerning treatment of persons with
7	mental illness in the criminal and juvenile justice systems - creation
8	- membership - duties. (1) Creation. (c) The chair and vice-chair of the
9	committee shall appoint twenty-eight members as follows:
10	(IV) Five members who represent the department of human
11	services, as follows:
12	(B) One member who represents the division of youth corrections
13	SERVICES;
14	SECTION 26. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 18-8-208, amend
15	(4.5) as follows:
16	18-8-208. Escapes. (4.5) A person commits a class 3
17	misdemeanor if he or she has been committed to the division of youth
18	corrections SERVICES in the department of human services for a
19	delinquent act, is over eighteen years of age, and escapes from a staff
20	secure facility as defined in section 19-1-103 (101.5), C.R.S., other than
21	a state-operated locked facility.
22	SECTION 27. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 19-1-103, amend
23	the introductory portion and (69) as follows:
24	19-1-103. Definitions. As used in this title TITLE 19 or in the
25	specified portion of this title TITLE 19, unless the context otherwise
26	requires:
27	(69) "Juvenile community review board", as used in article 2 of

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1	this title TITLE 19, means any board appointed by a board of county
2	commissioners for the purpose of reviewing community placements under
3	article 2 of this title TITLE 19. The board, if practicable, shall include but
4	not be limited to a representative from a county department of social
5	services, a local school district, a local law enforcement agency, a local
6	probation department, a local bar association, the division of youth
7	corrections SERVICES, and private citizens.
8	SECTION 28. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 19-2-205, amend
9	(1) as follows:
10	19-2-205. Facility directors - duties. (1) The director of the
11	DIVISION OF YOUTH SERVICES SHALL APPOINT a director of each
12	state-operated facility established by section 19-2-403 and sections
13	19-2-406 to 19-2-408 shall be appointed by the director of the division of
14	youth corrections pursuant to section 13 of article XII of the state
15	constitution.
16	SECTION 29. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 19-2-209, amend
17	(1), (2), and (3) as follows:
18	19-2-209. Juvenile parole - organization. (1) Juvenile parole
19	services shall be ARE administered by the division of youth corrections
20	SERVICES in the department of human services, under the direction of the
21	director of the division of youth corrections SERVICES, appointed pursuant
22	to section 19-2-203.
23	(2) THE DIRECTOR OF THE DIVISION SHALL APPOINT juvenile parole
24	officers and other personnel of the division of youth corrections shall be
25	appointed by the director of the division of youth corrections SERVICES
26	pursuant to section 13 of article XII of the state constitution and with the
27	consent of the department of human services. Juvenile parole officers

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shall have the powers and duties specified in part 10 of this article ARTICLE 2 and shall have the powers of peace officers, as described in sections 16-2.5-101 and 16-2.5-138. C.R.S.

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(3) The division of youth corrections SERVICES may divide juvenile parole supervision into regions throughout the state. Within each region there may be more than one office location for parole officers.

SECTION 30. In Colorado Revised Statutes, **amend** 19-2-211 as follows:

19-2-211. Local juvenile services planning committee **creation - duties.** If all of the boards of commissioners of each county or the city council of each city and county in a judicial district agree, there shall MAY be created in the judicial district a local juvenile services planning committee that shall be IS appointed by the chief judge of the judicial district or, for the second judicial district, the presiding judge of the Denver juvenile court from persons recommended by the boards of commissioners of each county or the city council of each city and county within the judicial district. The committee, if practicable, shall MUST include, but need not be limited to, a representative from the county department of social services, a local school district, a local law enforcement agency, a local probation department, the division of youth corrections SERVICES, private citizens, the district attorney's office, and the public defender's office and a community mental health representative and a representative of the concerns of municipalities. The committee, if created, shall meet as necessary to develop a plan for the allocation of resources for local juvenile services within the judicial district for the fiscal year. The committee is strongly encouraged to consider programs with restorative justice components when developing the plan. The plan

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1	shall MUST be approved by the department of human services. A local
2	juvenile services planning committee may be consolidated with other
3	local advisory boards pursuant to section 24-1.7-103. C.R.S.
4	SECTION 31. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 19-2-213, amend
5	(2)(b) as follows:
6	19-2-213. Restorative justice coordinating council -
7	establishment - membership - repeal. (2) The restorative justice
8	coordinating council includes, at a minimum, the following:
9	(b) A representative from the division of youth corrections
10	SERVICES in the department of human services who shall be IS appointed
11	by the executive director of the department of human services;
12	SECTION 32. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 19-2-214, amend
13	(1) introductory portion as follows:
14	19-2-214. Detention center sexual assault prevention program.
15	(1) The division of youth corrections SERVICES created in section
16	19-2-203 shall develop, with respect to sexual assaults that occur in
17	juvenile facilities, policies and procedures to:
18	SECTION 33. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 19-2-307, amend
19	(2) as follows:
20	19-2-307. Juvenile intensive supervision program - elements.
21	(2) The judicial department, shall be assisted in developing WITH THE
22	ASSISTANCE OF A JUVENILE INTENSIVE SUPERVISION ADVISORY
23	COMMITTEE, SHALL DEVELOP assessment criteria for placement in the
24	juvenile intensive supervision program and judicial department guidelines
25	for implementation of the program and measurement of the outcome of
26	the program. by a juvenile intensive supervision advisory committee.
27	Such THE advisory committee shall be IS appointed by the state court

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administrator and shall include, but shall not be INCLUDES, BUT IS NOT limited to, representatives of the division of youth corrections SERVICES in the department of human services and the division of criminal justice of the department of public safety.

SECTION 34. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 19-2-309.5, amend (2)(a), (2)(c), (2)(d), (2)(e), (3), (4)(a) introductory portion, (4)(a)(II)

introductory portion, (5), (6), and (8) as follows:

- **19-2-309.5.** Community accountability program legislative declaration creation. (2) (a) The division of youth corrections SERVICES, pursuant to a contract with one or more private entities, shall establish, maintain, and operate a community accountability program, referred to in this section as the "program".
- (c) A sentence imposed pursuant to this section shall be IS conditioned on the availability of space in the program and the division of youth corrections' SERVICES' determination of whether the juvenile's participation in the program is appropriate. A juvenile may be denied participation in the program upon a determination by the division that a physical or mental condition, including severe substance abuse, will prevent the juvenile's full participation in the program. Any juvenile denied participation in the program shall MUST be returned to the juvenile court for resentencing.
- (d) The judicial department shall provide information to the division of youth corrections SERVICES concerning sentencing of the juvenile, including but not limited to the juvenile's criminal history, the presentence investigation report, the risk-need assessment, and demographics pertaining to the juvenile.
 - (e) The program shall MUST be established for up to eighty beds.

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Under the contract entered into pursuant to paragraph (a) of this subsection (2) SUBSECTION (2)(a) OF THIS SECTION, the division of youth corrections SERVICES shall pay only for the actual number of juveniles placed in the program.

- (3) If feasible, the program may be established regionally, one in each of the division of youth corrections' SERVICES' regions. The division, through a competitive bid process, shall select one or more private entities to operate the program.
- (4) (a) The program shall consist CONSISTS of two integrated components. Each selected entity shall provide both components within the contracted region as follows:
- (II) Component II. THE DIVISION OF YOUTH SERVICES SHALL ADMINISTER component II, shall be administered by the division of youth corrections and shall consist WHICH CONSISTS of a community reintegration phase. FOR each juvenile entering component II, THE DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH SERVICES AND THE LOCAL PROBATION DEPARTMENT shall have JOINTLY ESTABLISH a reintegration plan. jointly established by the division of youth corrections and the local probation department. Component II may contain, but need not be limited to, the following program elements:
- (5) If a juvenile in the first component of the program would substantially benefit, the division of youth corrections SERVICES shall notify the local department of probation who may petition the court for an extension of up to fifteen days in addition to the initial sixty-day period for the first component of the program. The period of time a juvenile spends in the second component of the program shall MUST not exceed one hundred twenty days. The entire period of a juvenile's participation

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in the program shall MUST not exceed the length of the juvenile's probation sentence. Whenever a juvenile fails to progress through or complete the first or second component of the program, the juvenile shall be IS subject to the provisions of section 19-2-925 (4) for violating a condition of probation.

- (6) The division of youth corrections SERVICES and the judicial department shall jointly establish guidelines for the program and FOR each of the components thereof described in subsection (4) of this section. THE DIVISION OF YOUTH SERVICES SHALL MAKE AVAILABLE necessary support services for the juvenile and the juvenile's family shall be made available under both components of the program. as deemed appropriate by the division of youth corrections.
- (8) The division of youth corrections SERVICES shall conduct an ongoing evaluation of the program. On or before January 15, 2003, and on or before January 15 each year, thereafter, the division of youth corrections SERVICES shall submit a report of the evaluation results to the general assembly. The division may contract for the services and labor necessary to perform the ongoing evaluation.

SECTION 35. In Colorado Revised Statutes, **amend** 19-2-311 as follows:

19-2-311. Victim-offender conferences - pilot program. The division of youth corrections SERVICES is authorized to establish a pilot program, when funds become available, in its facilities to facilitate victim-initiated victim-offender conferences whereby a victim of a crime may request a facilitated conference with the juvenile who committed the crime, if the juvenile is in the custody of the division of youth corrections SERVICES. After such a pilot program is established, the division of youth

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2 victim-offender conferences using volunteers to facilitate the conferences. 3 The volunteers shall complete the division of youth corrections' SERVICES' 4 volunteer and facility-specific training programs and complete high-risk 5 victim-offender training and victim advocacy training. The division of 6 youth corrections SERVICES shall not compensate or reimburse a volunteer 7 or victim for any expenses. If a pilot program is available, and subsequent 8 to the victim's or the victim representative's request, the division of youth 9 corrections SERVICES shall arrange such a conference only after 10 determining that the conference would be safe and only if the juvenile 11 agrees to participate. The purposes of the conference shall be ARE to 12 enable the victim to meet the juvenile, to obtain answers to questions only 13 the juvenile can answer, to assist the victim in healing from the impact of 14 the crime, and to promote a sense of remorse and acceptance of 15 responsibility by the juvenile that may contribute to his or her rehabilitation. 16 17 **SECTION 36.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 19-2-414, amend 18 (3) as follows: 19 19-2-414. Facility rules - academic and vocational courses. 20 (3) The director of the division of youth corrections SERVICES may 21 appoint, pursuant to section 13 of article XII of the state constitution, a 22 director and such other officers, teachers, instructors, counselors, and 23 other personnel as the director may consider necessary to transact the 24 business of the schools and may designate their duties. No person shall be 25 appointed as a teacher or instructor in the schools who is not qualified to

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1	SECTION 37. In Colorado Revised Statutes, amend 19-2-415 as
2	follows:
3	19-2-415. Fees for transporting juveniles. It is the duty of the
4	sheriff, undersheriff, or deputy, or in their absence any suitable person
5	appointed by the court for such purpose, to convey any juvenile
6	committed under the provisions of section 19-2-601 or 19-2-907 to
7	facilities of the division of youth corrections SERVICES. All officers
8	performing services under this part 4 shall MUST be paid the same fees as
9	are allowed for similar services in criminal cases, such fees to be paid by
10	the county from which such juvenile was committed.
11	SECTION 38. In Colorado Revised Statutes, amend 19-2-914 as
12	follows:
13	19-2-914. Sentencing - community accountability program.
14	Except as otherwise provided in section 19-2-601, the court may sentence
15	the juvenile to participate in the community accountability program as set
16	forth in section 19-2-309.5. Such a sentence shall be IS a condition of
17	probation and shall be for higher-risk juveniles who would have
18	otherwise been sentenced to detention or out-of-home placement or
19	committed to the department of human services. A sentence pursuant to
20	this section shall be IS conditioned on the availability of space in the
21	community accountability program and on a determination by the division
22	of youth corrections SERVICES that the juvenile's participation in the
23	program is appropriate. In the event that the division of youth corrections
24	SERVICES determines the program is at maximum capacity or that a
25	juvenile's participation is not appropriate, the juvenile shall MUST be
26	ordered to return to the sentencing court for another sentencing hearing.

SECTION 39. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 19-2-921, amend

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(7) and (10) as follows:

19-2-921. Commitment to department of human services.

(7) When a juvenile is released or released to parole supervision by the department of human services or escapes from said department, the department shall notify the committing court, the district attorney, the Colorado bureau of investigation, and the initiating law enforcement agency. If the juvenile is on parole status, the division of youth corrections SERVICES shall notify the juvenile parole board, pursuant to section 19-2-1002 (7)(b)(II), of any discharge as a matter of law, any placement change that may impact public safety or victim safety as determined by the division of youth corrections SERVICES, and any escape and recapture that occurs during the period of parole.

eighteen years at the time of expiration of commitment cannot be determined or none of the resources described in subsection (9) of this section exist, the division of youth corrections SERVICES shall make a referral to the last-known county of residence of the responsible person having custody of the juvenile immediately prior to the commitment. The referral to the county shall MUST be made by the division of youth corrections SERVICES at least ninety days prior to the expiration of the juvenile's commitment. The county department of human services or county department of social services shall conduct an assessment of the child protection needs of the juvenile and, pursuant to rules adopted by the state board, provide services in the best interest of the juvenile. The division of youth corrections SERVICES shall work in collaboration with the county department conducting the assessment and shall provide parole supervision services as described in section 19-2-1003.

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1	SECTION 40. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 19-2-1002, amend
2	(7)(b)(I)(A), (7)(b)(II), (9)(b)(I), and (9)(b)(II)(B) as follows:
3	19-2-1002. Juvenile parole. (7) Notice. (b) (I) (A) Prior to
4	consideration of the case of a juvenile for parole, the board shall provide
5	notice of the time and place of the juvenile's hearing before the board or
6	a hearing panel of the board to a victim who has provided to the division
7	of youth corrections SERVICES or the board a written statement pursuant
8	to sections 24-4.1-302.5 and 24-4.1-303. C.R.S. The notice and
9	subsequent interactions with the victim shall MUST be consistent with the
10	provisions of article 4.1 of title 24. C.R.S.
11	(II) For a youth that JUVENILE WHO is currently serving parole that
12	implicates the provisions of article 4.1 of title 24, C.R.S., the division of
13	youth corrections SERVICES shall notify the board of any discharge as a
14	matter of law and any placement change that may impact public safety or
15	victim safety as determined by the division of youth corrections SERVICES,
16	including any escape or recapture.
17	(9) Parole discharge. (b) (I) Based upon a request and
18	recommendation by the division of youth corrections SERVICES, the board
19	may discharge all or a portion of a juvenile's period of parole, as defined
20	in section 19-2-909 (1) (b), without holding a hearing before the board or
21	a hearing panel of the board, if the board finds that:
22	(II) As used in this subsection (9), a juvenile is unavailable to
23	complete the period of parole if:
24	(B) The juvenile has been or will be transferred out of the state of
25	Colorado and the division of youth corrections SERVICES determines that
26	the discharge is not in conflict with the interstate compact on juveniles,

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part 7 of article 60 of title 24; C.R.S. or

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1	SECTION 41. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 19-2-1003, amend
2	(1) as follows:
3	19-2-1003. Parole officers - powers - duties. (1) Under the
4	direction of the director of the division of youth corrections SERVICES, the
5	juvenile parole officer or officers in each region established in section
6	19-2-209 (3) shall supervise all juveniles living in the region who, having
7	been committed to the department of human services, are on parole from
8	one of its facilities.
9	SECTION 42. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 19-2-1004, amend
10	(1) introductory portion, (2), (8)(b), and (12) as follows:
11	19-2-1004. Parole violation and revocation. (1) The director of
12	the division of youth corrections SERVICES or any juvenile parole officer
13	may arrest any parolee when:
14	(2) When an alleged parole violator is taken into custody, the
15	director of the division of youth corrections SERVICES or the juvenile
16	parole officer shall notify the parents, guardian, or legal custodian of the
17	juvenile without unnecessary delay.
18	(8) Within ten working days after the finding of probable cause by
19	the preliminary administrative law judge, the juvenile parole officer shall
20	complete his or her investigation and either:
21	(b) Recommend to the director of the division of youth corrections
22	SERVICES, or his or her designee, that the parolee, if detained, be released
23	and the violation proceedings be dismissed. The director, or his or her
24	designee, shall determine whether to cause the violation proceedings to
25	be dismissed, and, if he or she elects to cause dismissal, the parolee shall
26	MUST be released or notified that he or she is relieved of obligation to
2.7	appear before the hearing panel. In such event, the director, or his or her

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designee, shall give written notification to the board of his or her action.

(12) At the hearing before the hearing panel, if the parolee denies the violation, the division of youth corrections shall have SERVICES HAS the burden of establishing by a preponderance of the evidence the violation of a condition or conditions of parole. The hearing panel shall, when it appears that the alleged violation of conditions of parole consists of an offense with which the parolee is charged in a criminal case then pending, continue the parole violation hearing until the termination of the criminal proceeding. Any evidence having probative value shall be IS admissible regardless of its admissibility under exclusionary rules of evidence if the parolee is accorded a fair opportunity to rebut hearsay evidence. The parolee shall have HAS the right to confront and to cross-examine adverse witnesses unless the administrative law judge specifically finds good cause for not allowing confrontation.

SECTION 43. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 19-3.3-103, **amend** (5) as follows:

and duties - access to information - confidentiality - testimony - judicial review. (5) In the performance of his or her duties, the ombudsman shall act independently of the divisions within the state department that are responsible for child welfare, youth corrections SERVICES, or child care, of the county departments of human or social services, and of all judicial agencies, including, but not limited to, the office of the child's representative, the office of the respondent parents' counsel, the office of state public defender, the office of alternate defense counsel, and the office of attorney regulation counsel. Any recommendations made by the ombudsman or positions taken by the

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ombudsman do not reflect those of the state department, judicial department, or of the county departments of human or social services.

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SECTION 44. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 19-7-101, **amend** (1) introductory portion as follows:

19-7-101. Legislative declaration. (1) The general assembly hereby finds and declares that youth in foster care, excluding those in the custody of the division of youth corrections SERVICES or a state mental hospital, should enjoy the following:

9 **SECTION 45.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 19-7-103, **amend** 10 (1) as follows:

19-7-103. Access to extracurricular activities - legislative **declaration - rules.** (1) The general assembly finds and declares that it is important for youth in foster care, excluding those in the custody of the division of youth corrections SERVICES or a state mental hospital, to have increased access to normative, developmentally appropriate extracurricular activities to help prepare them for independence. Foster parents and group home parents or group center administrators shall make a reasonable effort to allow a youth in their care to participate in extracurricular, cultural, educational, work-related, and personal enrichment activities. On or before July 31, 2012, The department of human services shall promulgate rules for the implementation of this section. The rules shall MUST address policies, including but not limited to waiver of any fingerprint-based criminal history records checks for community entities, excluding all individuals required to obtain a fingerprint-based criminal history records check pursuant to section 26-6-107, C.R.S., providing extracurricular activities and guidelines for determining in what situations it is appropriate to waive fingerprint-based

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1	criminal history records checks, to allow youth in foster care, excluding
2	those in the custody of the division of youth corrections SERVICES or a
3	state mental hospital, who are twelve years of age and older to participate
4	in age-appropriate extracurricular enrichment, social activities, and
5	activities designed to assist those youth to make the transition to
6	independence, build life skills, and enhance opportunities to make
7	positive connections.
8	SECTION 46. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-14-103, amend
9	(3)(c)(IV) as follows:
10	22-14-103. Office of dropout prevention and student
11	re-engagement - created - purpose - duties. (3) To accomplish the
12	purposes specified in subsection (2) of this section, the office shall also:
13	(c) Develop interagency agreements and otherwise cooperate with
14	other state and federal agencies and with private, nonprofit agencies to
15	collect and review student data and develop and recommend methods for
16	reducing student dropout rates and increasing student engagement and
17	re-engagement. The office shall, to the extent possible, collaborate with,
18	at a minimum:
19	(IV) The division of youth corrections SERVICES and other
20	agencies within the juvenile justice system;
21	SECTION 47. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-20-103, amend
22	(28)(c) as follows:
23	22-20-103. Definitions. As used in this part 1, unless the context
24	otherwise requires:
25	(28) "State-operated program" means an approved school program
26	supervised by the department and operated by:
2.7	(c) The department of human services, including but not limited

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to the division of youth corrections SERVICES and the mental health institutes.

3 **SECTION 48.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-20-104, **amend** 4 (2)(a) as follows:

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22-20-104. Administration - advisory committee - rules. (2) (a) In order to assist the state board in the performance of its responsibilities for the implementation of this part 1, the state board shall appoint a state special education advisory committee of an appropriate size. The members of the advisory committee shall MUST be representative of the state population and shall be composed of persons involved in or concerned with the education of children with disabilities, including parents of children with disabilities ages birth through twenty-six years; individuals with disabilities; teachers; representatives of institutions of higher education that prepare special education and related services personnel; state and local education officials, including officials who carry out activities under section 22-33-103.5; administrators of programs for children with disabilities; representatives of other state agencies involved in the financing or delivery of related services to children with disabilities; representatives of private schools, district charter schools, and institute charter schools; at least one representative of a vocational, community, or business organization concerned with the provision of transition services to children with disabilities; a representative from child welfare services in the department of human services established pursuant to section 26-5-102; C.R.S.; and representatives from the division of youth corrections SERVICES in the department of human services and from the department of corrections. A majority of the members of the advisory committee shall MUST be

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1	individuals with disabilities or parents of children with disabilities.
2	Members shall be ARE appointed for terms as determined by the by-laws
3	of the advisory committee. Any additions to the composition of the
4	advisory committee shall MUST be made pursuant to the procedures of the
5	state board.
6	SECTION 49. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-32-109.3,
7	amend (2) introductory portion and (2)(b) as follows:
8	22-32-109.3. Board of education - specific duties - student
9	records. (2) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (1) of this
10	section, the address and telephone number and any medical,
11	psychological, sociological, and scholastic achievement data concerning
12	any student shall be ARE released ONLY under the following conditions:
13	(b) To district or municipal court personnel, the division of youth
14	corrections SERVICES, county departments of social services, the youthful
15	offender system, and any other juvenile justice agency within fifteen days
16	after receipt by the school district of a court order authorizing release of
17	such information.
18	SECTION 50. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-1-120, amend
19	(6) introductory portion and (6)(e) as follows:
20	24-1-120. Department of human services - creation. (6) The
21	department shall consist CONSISTS of the following divisions and units:
22	(e) The division of youth corrections SERVICES, created pursuant
23	to section 19-2-203. C.R.S. The division of youth corrections SERVICES
24	and the office of the director of the division of youth corrections
25	SERVICES and their powers, duties, and functions are transferred by a type
26	2 transfer to the department of human services as a division thereof.
27	SECTION 51 In Colorado Revised Statutes 24-1 9-102 amend

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1 (1)(a) introductory portion and (1)(a)(VI) as follows: 2 24-1.9-102. Memorandum of understanding - local-level 3 interagency oversight groups - individualized service and support 4 teams - coordination of services for children and families -5 requirements - waiver. (1) (a) Local representatives of each of the agencies specified in this paragraph (a) SUBSECTION (1)(a) and county 6 7 departments of social services may enter into memorandums of 8 understanding that are designed to promote a collaborative system of 9 local-level interagency oversight groups and individualized service and 10 support teams to coordinate and manage the provision of services to 11 children and families who would benefit from integrated multi-agency 12 services. The memorandums of understanding entered into pursuant to 13 this subsection (1) shall MUST be between interested county departments 14 of social services and local representatives of each of the following 15 agencies or entities: 16 (VI) The division of youth corrections SERVICES; 17 SECTION 52. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-4.1-302, amend 18 (1.3) as follows: 19 **24-4.1-302. Definitions.** As used in this part 3, and for no other 20 purpose, including the expansion of the rights of any defendant: 21 (1.3) "Correctional facility" means any private or public entity 22 providing correctional services to offenders pursuant to a court order 23 including, but not limited to a county jail, a community corrections 24 provider, the division of youth corrections SERVICES, and the department 25 of corrections 26 **SECTION 53.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-4.1-302.5,

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amend (1)(d.5)(IV) as follows:

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1	24-4.1-302.5. Rights afforded to victims. (1) In order to
2	preserve and protect a victim's rights to justice and due process, each
3	victim of a crime has the following rights:
4	(d.5) (IV) This paragraph (d.5) SUBSECTION (1)(d.5) applies to a
5	victim who is incarcerated or otherwise being held in a local county jail,
6	the department of corrections, or the division of youth corrections
7	SERVICES in the department of human services, but is limited to
8	participation by telephone.
9	SECTION 54. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-4.1-303, amend
10	(14.3)(c) as follows:
11	24-4.1-303. Procedures for ensuring rights of victims of
12	crimes. (14.3) Upon receipt of a written statement from the victim, the
13	juvenile parole board shall notify the victim of the following information
14	regarding any person who was charged with or convicted of an offense
15	against the victim:
16	(c) Any placement change that occurs during the period of parole
17	that may impact the victim's safety or public safety as determined by the
18	division of youth corrections SERVICES; and
19	SECTION 55. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-33.5-515,
20	amend (1) introductory portion, (1)(d), and (2) as follows:
21	24-33.5-515. Statewide automated victim information and
22	notification system - legislative declaration. (1) The general assembly
23	hereby finds and declares that:
24	(d) The system is available for any county that wishes to
25	participate and also includes the division of youth corrections SERVICES;
26	(2) The general assembly may annually appropriate from the
27	general fund to the division moneys MONEY for the operation of the

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1	statewide automated victim information and notification system. The
2	division must distribute moneys MONEY appropriated to the division by
3	the general assembly for the operation of the statewide automated victim
4	information and notification system to be used by the county sheriffs, the
5	division of youth corrections SERVICES, and other departments or
6	agencies.
7	SECTION 56. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 25-1.5-106, amend
8	(10) as follows:
9	25-1.5-106. Medical marijuana program - powers and duties
10	of state health agency - rules - medical review board - medical
11	marijuana program cash fund - subaccount - created - repeal.
12	$(10) \ \textbf{Renewal of patient identification card upon criminal conviction.}$
13	Any patient who is convicted of a criminal offense under article 18 of title
14	18 C.R.S., WHO IS sentenced or ordered by a court to drug or substance
15	abuse treatment, or sentenced to the division of youth corrections, shall
16	be SERVICES, IS subject to immediate renewal of his or her patient registry
17	identification card, and the patient shall apply for the renewal based upon
18	a recommendation from a physician with whom the patient has a bona
19	fide physician-patient relationship.
20	SECTION 57. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 25-20.5-109,
21	amend (1) introductory portion and (1)(a) as follows:
22	25-20.5-109. Programs not included. (1) Notwithstanding any
23	other provisions of this article ARTICLE 20.5 to the contrary, the following
24	programs are not subject to the requirements of this article ARTICLE 20.5:
25	(a) Any juvenile programs operated by the division of youth
26	corrections SERVICES in the department of human services;
27	SECTION 58. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 25-20.5-406,

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1 amend (2)(b)(IV) as follows: 2 25-20.5-406. State review team - creation - membership -3 vacancies. (2) (b) The executive director of the department of human 4 services shall appoint six voting members, as follows: 5 (IV) One member who represents the division of youth corrections 6 SERVICES; and 7 **SECTION 59.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 25.5-4-205.5, 8 amend (2) as follows: 9 25.5-4-205.5. Confined persons - suspension of benefits. 10 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a person who, 11 immediately prior to becoming a confined person, was a recipient of 12 medical assistance pursuant to this article ARTICLE 4 or article 5 or 6 of 13 this title shall remain TITLE 25.5 REMAINS eligible for medical assistance 14 while a confined person; except that no medical assistance shall MAY be 15 furnished pursuant to this article ARTICLE 4 or article 5 or 6 of this title 16 TITLE 25.5 while the person is a confined person unless federal financial 17 participation is available for the cost of the assistance, including but not 18 limited to juveniles held in a facility operated by or under contract to the 19 division of youth corrections SERVICES established pursuant to section 20 19-2-203 C.R.S., or the department of human services. Once a person is 21 no longer a confined person, the person shall continue CONTINUES to be 22 eligible for receipt of medical benefits pursuant to this article ARTICLE 4 23 or article 5 or 6 of this title TITLE 25.5 until the person is determined to be 24 ineligible for the receipt of the assistance. To the extent permitted by 25 federal law, the time during which a person is a confined person shall not 26 be IS NOT included in any calculation of when the person must recertify 27 his or her eligibility for medical assistance pursuant to this article

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1	ARTICLE 4 or article 5 or 6 of this title TITLE 25.5.
2	SECTION 60. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 25.5-6-409.5,
3	amend (3)(d) as follows:
4	25.5-6-409.5. Transition plan for youth with intellectual and
5	developmental disabilities to adult services - legislative declaration -
6	report - rules - cash fund. (3) (d) The requirement to transition youth
7	as set forth in paragraph (c) of this subsection (3) SUBSECTION (3)(c) OF
8	THIS SECTION does not apply to youth currently serving a sentence in the
9	division of youth corrections SERVICES or to youth under a court order in
10	a juvenile delinquency case, unless the court approves the transition by
11	written court order.
12	SECTION 61. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 26-20-102, amend
13	the introductory portion and (2.5) as follows:
14	26-20-102. Definitions. As used in this article ARTICLE 20, unless
15	the context otherwise requires:
16	(2.5) "Division of youth corrections SERVICES" means the division
17	of youth corrections SERVICES within the state department created
18	pursuant to section 19-2-203. C.R.S.
19	SECTION 62. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 26-20-104.5,
20	amend (1) introductory portion, (1)(c), (2)(b) introductory portion,
21	(2)(b)(II), and (3) as follows:
22	26-20-104.5. Duties relating to use of seclusion by division of
23	youth services. (1) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 26-20-103
24	to the contrary, if the division of youth corrections SERVICES holds a
25	youth in seclusion in any secure state-operated or state-owned facility:
26	(c) Within twelve hours after the beginning of the youth's
27	seclusion period, the division of youth corrections SERVICES shall notify

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1	the youth's parent, guardian, or legal custodian and inform that person
2	that the youth is or was in seclusion and the reason for his or her
3	seclusion.
4	(2) (b) If an emergency situation occurs that continues beyond
5	four consecutive hours, the division of youth corrections SERVICES may
6	not continue the use of seclusion for that youth unless the following
7	criteria are met and documented:
8	(II) The director of the division of youth corrections SERVICES, or
9	his or her designee, approves at or before the conclusion of four hours,
10	and every hour thereafter, the continued use of seclusion.
11	(3) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, the
12	division of youth corrections SERVICES may place a youth alone in a room
13	or area from which egress is involuntarily prevented if such confinement
14	is part of a routine practice that is applicable to substantial portions of the
15	population. Such confinement must be imposed only for the completion
16	of administrative tasks and should last no longer than necessary to
17	achieve the task safely and effectively.
18	SECTION 63. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 26-20-105, amend
19	(1.5) introductory portion as follows:
20	26-20-105. Staff training concerning the use of restraint and
21	seclusion - adults and youth. (1.5) The division of youth corrections
22	SERVICES shall ensure that all staff involved in utilizing restraint and
23	seclusion are trained in:
24	SECTION 64. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 27-67-102, amend
25	(1) as follows:
26	27-67-102. Legislative declaration. (1) The general assembly
27	finds that many parents in Colorado have experienced challenging

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1	circumstances because their children have significant mental health
2	needs. Many times, the parents are loving, caring parents who have
3	become increasingly frustrated in their attempts to navigate the various
4	governmental systems including child welfare, mental health, law
5	enforcement, juvenile justice, education, and youth corrections SERVICES
6	in an attempt to find help for their children. Frequently in these situations
7	an action in dependency or neglect under article 3 of title 19 C.R.S., is
8	neither appropriate nor warranted.
9	SECTION 65. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 27-69-104, amend
10	(3) introductory portion and (3)(a) as follows:

27-69-104. Program scope - rules. (3) Key components of the family advocacy mental health juvenile justice programs for system-of-care family advocates and family systems navigators for mental health juvenile justice populations shall include:

(a) Coordination with the key stakeholders involved in the local community to ensure consistent and effective collaboration. This collaboration may include, but need not be limited to, a family advocacy organization, representatives of the juvenile court, the probation department, the district attorney's office, the public defender's office, a school district, the division of youth corrections SERVICES within the department of human services, a county department of social or human services, a local community mental health center, and a regional behavioral health organization and may include representatives of a local law enforcement agency, a county public health department, a substance abuse program, a community centered board, a local juvenile services planning committee, and other community partners;

SECTION 66. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 27-80-101, amend

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1	the introductory portion and (5) as follows:
2	27-80-101. Definitions. As used in this article ARTICLE 80, unless
3	the context otherwise requires:
4	(5) "Public program" means a program concerning the problems
5	of alcohol or drug abuse sponsored by a county, district, or municipal
6	public health agency, county department of social services, court
7	probation department, law enforcement agency, school, school system
8	board of cooperative services, Indian tribal reservation, or state agency
9	"Public program" includes any alcohol or drug abuse treatment program
10	required as a condition of probation under part 2 of article 11 of title 16
11	C.R.S., any alcohol or drug abuse program administered by the division
12	of adult parole under article 2 of title 17, C.R.S., any community
13	correctional facility or program administered under article 27 of title 17
14	C.R.S., and any alcohol or drug abuse treatment program administered by
15	the division of youth corrections SERVICES under title 19. C.R.S.
16	SECTION 67. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 27-90-105, amend
17	(2)(a)(II) as follows:
18	27-90-105. Future juvenile detention facility needs. (2) (a) The
19	department is directed to assess the need for, and to determine the
20	community commitment to, a new multipurpose juvenile detention facility
21	to be constructed in La Plata county that would serve the following
22	detention and treatment needs of juveniles in the southwest portion of the
23	state:
24	(II) Secure facility and medium secure facility housing of
25	juveniles who are committed to the division of youth corrections
26	SERVICES.
27	SECTION 68. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 42-2-108, amend

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(1)(a) and (1)(b)(I) as follows:

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42-2-108. Application of minors. (1) (a) The application of any person under eighteen years of age for an instruction permit or minor driver's license shall be accompanied by an affidavit of liability signed and verified by the parent, stepparent, grandparent with power of attorney, guardian, spouse of the applicant if the spouse is eighteen years of age or older, or, in the event there is no such person, guardian, or spouse, any other responsible adult who is willing to assume the obligation imposed under this article ARTICLE 2 upon an adult signing the affidavit of liability for a minor. When an applicant has been made a ward of any court in the state for any reason and has been placed in a foster home, the foster parents or parent may sign the affidavit of liability for the minor. If the parent or foster parent is unwilling or unable to sign the affidavit of liability, a guardian ad litem, a designated official of the county department of social services having custody of the applicant, or a designated official of the division of youth corrections SERVICES in the department of human services having custody of the applicant may sign the application for an instruction permit without signing the affidavit of liability for the minor if the requirements of paragraph (b) of this subsection (1) SUBSECTION (1)(b) OF THIS SECTION are met; except that, prior to signing the application for an instruction permit, the guardian ad litem or other designated official shall notify the court of his or her intent to sign the application, and except that, the guardian ad litem or designated official shall not sign the application for an instruction permit for a minor who is placed in a foster care home and is under seventeen and one-half years of age without first obtaining the consent of the foster parent. If the minor is seventeen and one-half years of age or older and is

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in the care of a foster parent, in order to prepare the minor for emancipation from foster care and to assist the minor in obtaining important life skills, the guardian ad litem or designated official shall consult with the foster parent of the minor about the opportunity for the minor to learn driving skills under the restrictions provided in paragraph (b) of this subsection (1) SUBSECTION (1)(b) OF THIS SECTION prior to signing an application for an instruction permit. The guardian ad litem or designated official shall solicit the opinion of the minor's foster parent concerning the minor's ability to exercise good judgment and make decisions as well as the minor's overall capacity to drive. When a minor to whom an instruction permit or minor driver's license has been issued is required to appear before the department for a hearing pursuant to any provision of this article ARTICLE 2, the minor shall MUST be accompanied by the person who signed the affidavit of liability for the minor or by the guardian ad litem or designated official who signed the application for an instruction permit for the minor. If the person who signed the minor's affidavit of liability or application for an instruction permit is unable to attend the hearing, he or she shall submit to the department a verified signed statement certifying under oath that he or she is aware of the purpose of the hearing but cannot attend.

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- (b) The department shall issue an instruction permit to an applicant under the age of eighteen years who is otherwise eligible to obtain an instruction permit and who has been made a ward of the court and who is in out-of-home placement without the requirement of a parent, guardian, stepparent, or foster parent signing an affidavit of liability if the following requirements are met:
 - (I) The guardian ad litem, a designated official of the county

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1	department of social services having custody of such applicant, or a
2	designated official of the division of youth corrections SERVICES in the
3	department of human services having custody of such applicant signs the
4	application for an instruction permit;
5	SECTION 69. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 42-2-306, amend
6	(1)(a)(III.5)(C) as follows:
7	42-2-306. Fees - disposition. (1) The department shall charge
8	and collect the following fees:
9	(a) (III.5) The department shall not charge a fee to an applicant
10	who is:
11	(C) Referred by the department of corrections, the division of
12	youth corrections SERVICES, or a county jail.
13	SECTION 70. Safety clause. The general assembly hereby finds,
14	determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate
15	preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.

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