



STATE LEGISLATION CONCERNING ECONOMIC STABILITY and POVERTY REDUCTION

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Table with 5 columns: Bill#, Sponsor, Title, Committee*, Position**. It lists various bills (e.g., 110, 1021, 1143) and their status (Signed into Law, Awaiting Governor's Signature, Dead).

*Committee :S=Senate; H=House ag=Agriculture; app=Appropriations, bl=Business and Labor; ed=Education, fin=finance, hhs=Health and Human Services...

** + = support; - = oppose ; C = CO Ctr on Law and Policy ; 9 = 9 to 5; a = AFDC Coalition; A = AARP; b = Bell Policy Ctr; c=Colo Consumer Health Initiative...

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An interim committee was devoted to improving Medicaid client correspondence and notices. Notifications of coverage or dropping from coverage were often confusing, contradictory, or entirely incomprehensible altogether. SB 121 addresses the manner in which the information outlined in the correspondence must be presented to the client in the notice. HB1126 relates to the appeals process. HB1143 requires an audit of whether improvements were made.

FAMILY LEAVE

Under HB1001, employees would have the right to attend teacher conferences and other critical school activities for their child. The leave would not need to be paid, and would require advance notice, except in emergencies. The leave would be limited to 18 hours per YEAR.

CHILD CARE

A tax credit for ¼ of the cost of child care up to \$500 per year for one child, or \$1000 per year for two or more children for parents earning under \$25,000 who do not qualify for the federal Child and Dependent Care Tax Credit would be renewed for three more years under HB1002.

Child care providers would not need to be licensed if they were caring for four or fewer children as long as no more than two were under two under SB110. Currently the threshold for requiring licensing depends on the relationship between the children.

HB1210 Ends out of school suspensions and expulsions except as required by law for PreK-2nd grade.

HB1195 would make diapers exempt from state sales tax.

HOUSING

HB1312 requires landlords to give tenants a copy of their lease and rent receipts. HB1310 caps what can be charge as a screening fee for tenants. HB1309 would have a small document recording fee fund workforce housing (up to 80% of Area Median Income).

HB1035 would extend to stalking and sexual assault victims the same right to break a lease for their safety as domestic violence victims currently have. HB1159 would allow law enforcement to remove people from rental units without having to go through the normal eviction process. SB245 extends current required 7 day notice to raise rent o vacate to 21 days for those on monthly tenancies.

SB 98 would have incentivized the preservation of mobile home parks across the state of Colorado by offering park owners a tax deduction on the gain from the sale of their land, if they sold to a resident organization or non-profit entity.

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

SB118 would have added private and occupation schools to a state comparative website for consumers on education and training opportunities. Currently consumers cannot find out what success graduates of a private, for profit occupational school have in obtaining employment, or what their average earnings are, unless they are accredited Title IV schools or, in the coming years, WIOA Eligible Training Providers

ENERGY ASSISTANCE

Use of some severance tax revenue for Low Income Energy Assistance would be ongoing, although conditional on sufficiency revenues, under HB1116.

GUARDIANSHIP

HB1087 creates a pilot office of public guardianship to provide guardianship services to indigent and incapacitated adults who did not have someone else to name. Sunsets 1/1/21.

IMMIGRATION

HB1206 addresses technical issues related to the program for people without lawful immigration status to get or renew a Colorado Driver's License or ID.

HB1203 requires state and local government to confirm there is a legal basis prior to sharing any information with the federal government that has personal information including immigration status. Prohibits government registries to identify Coloradans based on race, religion, national origin or immigration status.