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Colorado Legislature



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HB19-1052

Early Childhood Development Special District

Authorizes the creation of early childhood development service districts to provide services for children from birth through 8 years of age. Early childhood development services are defined to include early care and educational, health, mental health, and developmental services, including prevention and intervention.

Status: Passed House and Senate. Sent to Governor Polis for signature.

Officially supported by ECCLC Board

HB19-1013

Child Care Tax Credit for those earning < \$25K/year

This tax credit currently exists (HB17-1002), but expires in 2020. The goal is to make this permanent.

Discussion: More than 36K families benefit each year in Colorado. Although goal is permanent, may consider a shorter re-authorization (e.g., 8 year).

Status: House Finance referred to Appropriations.

SB19-63

Infant & Family Child Care Action Plan

To develop a strategic action plan to address infant and family child care home shortages in Colorado.

Status: Passed Senate. Passed House Public Health Care & Human Services Committee. Referred to Appropriations.

Officially supported by ECCLC Board

HB19-1038

Dental Services for Pregnant Women on Colorado's Children's Basic Health Plan Plus (CHP+)

Expands CHP+ benefits to include dental care for pregnant women who are enrolled. Children on CHP+ are currently covered. Estimate to impact about 900 people/year.

Status: Passed House. Passed out of Senate Committee and referred to full Senate.

SB19-003

Educator Loan Forgiveness Program

Repay up to \$5,000 of education loans for up to 5 years for 100 teachers and other educators that qualify and are employed in hard-to-fill positions. Participant approval/criteria through Commission on Higher Education. Includes early childhood/pre-K in bill language.

Status: Passed Senate. Assigned to House Education Committee.

NO CHANGE

HB19-1122

Maternal Mortality Review Committee

Creates the Colorado maternal mortality review committee to review maternal deaths, identify the causes of maternal mortality, and develop recommendations to address preventable maternal deaths, including legislation, policies, rules, and best practices.

Status: Passed House Public Health Care & Human Services. Referred to Appropriations

Officially supported by ECCLC Board

NO CHANGE

HB19-1005

Income Tax Credit for Early Childhood Educators
(Buckner & Wilson/Todd & Priola)

Establishes a new tax credit for early childhood educator that is tied to their credential level and would be available at qualifying licensed homes and schools

Status: Passed Education and Finance. Sent to appropriations. Concern about high fiscal impact. Will probably be on hold until Long Bill. Continuing to have discussions about how to reduce fiscal impact.

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NO CHANGE

HB19-1017

Kindergarten through 5th Grade Social and Emotional Health Act

Creates pilot program to place school social worker in each grade (k-5) in every school participating in pilot. They would provide range of supports and services (e.g., school wide social-emotional supports and skill-building, assistance with accessing public benefits and referrals to community-based services).

Status: House Education Committee referred to Appropriations.

NEW!

HB19-1262 State Funding for Full-day Kindergarten

Funds kindergarteners as full-day students rather than treating them as half-day students.

Would also reallocate more than 5,000 early learning slots currently being used to subsidize full-day kindergarten to expand access to high-quality preschool for more children.

*Status: Assigned to House Education and Appropriations.
Hearing on 4/9.*

Kindergarten NOW Coalition: www.fulldayk.co

NEW!

HB19-1194

Addressing Early Childhood School Removal

For children in public preschool, kindergarten, 1st & 2nd grades:

- Standards for suspension and expulsion are developmentally appropriate
- Only removed from school to address ongoing safety concerns

Status: Introduced 3/7/19. Senate Business, Labor & Technology referred to Finance. Hearing scheduled 4/2/19.

NEW!

SB19-188

FAMLI: Family Medical Leave Insurance Program

Creates Family and Medical Leave Insurance (in CO Dept of Labor & Employment)

- Allowed use: personal serious illness/temporary disability, care for an ill family member, birth or adoption of a new child, approved military family needs.
- Employees who have worked at least 680 hours in the previous year can receive wage replacement for up to 12 weeks per year.
- FAMLI will replace between 50% and 95% of a worker's wages, capped at \$1,000 per week.
- Costs shared between employee and employer through payroll fee

Status: Introduced 3/7/19. Senate Business, Labor & Technology referred to Finance. Hearing scheduled 4/2/19.

NEW!

HB19-1239 Census Outreach

Allocates \$12 million to a grant program that would support Colorado nonprofits and local governments in conducting outreach and education about the importance of participating in the 2020 Census, to support accurate count of Colorado's population

Status: Introduced 3/12/19. Passed House Committee on State, Veterans & Military Affairs. Referred to Appropriations

NEW!

HB19-1170

Residential Tenants Health & Safety Act

Strengthens “warrant of habitability” in Colorado to ensure safe, healthy places to live:

- Adds conditions such as the lack of a functioning refrigerator, range, or oven, to the list of uninhabitable conditions if the landlord provides any of these appliances pursuant to the rental agreement
- Simplifies the process for a tenant to request and receive repairs of unhealthy or unsafe conditions

Status: Passed House. Amended by Senate. Sent to Conference Committee.

NEW!

HB19-1174

Concerning Consumer Protections for Out-of-Network Charges

Protects consumers about “surprise billing”, when unknowingly received care from provider outside health insurance network (e.g., went to in-network hospital, but physician who treated was out-of-network)

Status: Passed House. Assigned to Senate Judiciary.

Additional legislation that has impact on children and families

HB19-1118: Extending Notice to a Tenant Before Eviction *Passed House. Assigned to Senate Business, Labor & Technology Committee*

Increasing required notice from 3 to 8 days for a tenant to cure a lease violation that is not a substantial violation.

Goal is to increase tenant protection. 28 states give more notice before eviction for unpaid rent, and 36 give more notice in the case of other lease violations.

HB19-1076: Modernize the Colorado Clean Indoor Air Act *House 2nd reading scheduled 4/1/19*

Amends the current “Colorado Clean Indoor Air Act” by:

- Adding definition of “electronic smoking device to include e-cigarettes and similar devices
- Eliminating existing exceptions for certain places of business in which smoking may be permitted (e.g., designated smoking rooms in hotels, businesses with <4 employees)

SB19-207

Long Bill (Appropriations bill)

Annual state budget. Currently includes:

- Funding for full day kindergarten
- Funding for mill levy equalization for charter schools
- Increased allocation of federal funding for CCAP
- Additional funding for family planning in public health clinics

*Status: Passed Senate with Amendments.
Sent to House.*



Federal Level



NEW!

U.S. Senate Bill 690 American Family Act of 2019

Creates

- A new \$300 per-month, per-child credit for children under 6 years of age and
- A \$250 per-month, per-child credit for children under 17 years of age.

Status: Introduced on 3/6. Referred to Committee on Finance

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