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HOUSE BILL 15-1194

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Becker K. and Coram,

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(None),

House Committees

Public Health Care & Human Services

Senate Committees

A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING STATE GENERAL FUND DOLLARS FOR THE DEPARTMENT
102 OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT TO CONTINUE
103 PROVIDING SPECIFIED FAMILY PLANNING SERVICES
104 THROUGHOUT THE STATE, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH,
105 MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.

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://www.leg.state.co.us/billsummaries>.)

The Colorado department of public health and environment currently administers the family planning program. Starting in 2008, the

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.
Capital letters indicate new material to be added to existing statute.
Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.

department received a multi-year grant to conduct an expanded family planning program, the primary focus of which was to expand access to long-acting reversible contraception (LARC) and related services, particularly to low-income women statewide, in order to reduce unintended pregnancies. Grant funding for the expanded program ends June 30, 2015.

The bill requires the department to continue the expanded program and appropriates \$5 million from the state general fund to the department to provide LARC services in the 2015-16 fiscal year.

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 25-6-104 as
3 follows:

4 **25-6-104. Long-acting reversible contraception services -**
5 **department powers - funding - legislative declaration.** (1) THE

6 GENERAL ASSEMBLY HEREBY FINDS:

7 (a) THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT IS
8 AUTHORIZED TO ADMINISTER FAMILY PLANNING PROGRAMS AND RECEIVE
9 AND DISBURSE FUNDS FOR THE PROGRAMS;

10 (b) WHILE THE DEPARTMENT RECEIVES SOME FUNDING FROM THE
11 STATE FOR FAMILY PLANNING PROGRAMS, STARTING IN 2009 THE
12 DEPARTMENT RECEIVED A MULTI-YEAR GRANT TO FUND AN EXPANDED
13 FAMILY PLANNING PROGRAM TO PROVIDE LONG-ACTING, EFFECTIVE
14 CONTRACEPTIVE METHODS AT LITTLE TO NO COST THROUGH SIXTY FAMILY
15 PLANNING CLINICS IN THIRTY-SEVEN COUNTIES THROUGHOUT THE STATE;

16 (c) THE GRANT FUNDING SUPPORTS THE FOLLOWING CLINIC
17 ACTIVITIES:

18 (I) THE PROVISION OF LONG-ACTING REVERSIBLE CONTRACEPTION
19 (LARC), WHICH INCLUDES INTRAUTERINE DEVICES (IUDS) AND IMPLANTS,
20 TO WOMEN VISITING THE CLINICS;

1 (II) TRAINING FOR PROVIDERS AND STAFF REGARDING THE
2 PROVISION OF LARC METHODS, COUNSELING STRATEGIES, AND MANAGING
3 SIDE EFFECTS;

4 (III) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE REGARDING ISSUES SUCH AS CODING,
5 BILLING, PHARMACY RULES, AND CLINIC MANAGEMENT NECESSITATED BY
6 THE INCREASING UTILIZATION OF LARC METHODS; AND

7 (IV) GENERAL SUPPORT TO EXPAND THE CAPACITY OF THE FAMILY
8 PLANNING CLINICS;

9 (d) THE GRANT FUNDING HAS ENABLED FAMILY PLANNING CLINICS
10 TO OFFER LARC METHODS TO CLIENTS AT LITTLE TO NO COST;

11 (e) ADDITIONALLY, THE GRANT FUNDING RESULTED IN SEVEN NEW
12 CLINICS OPENING, BUSINESS HOUR INCREASES AT THIRTEEN CONTRACTORS,
13 AND STAFFING AND OUTREACH INCREASES AT TWENTY CONTRACTORS;

14 (f) THE EXPANDED PROGRAM HAS MADE FAMILY PLANNING
15 SERVICES MORE WIDELY AVAILABLE ACROSS THE STATE, RESULTING IN A
16 SIGNIFICANT DECREASE IN THE BIRTH RATES OF YOUNG WOMEN WITH
17 INCOMES AT OR BELOW ONE HUNDRED FIFTY PERCENT OF THE FEDERAL
18 POVERTY LEVEL;

19 (g) AFTER JUST THREE YEARS OF GRANT FUNDING, FAMILY
20 PLANNING CASELOADS INCREASED BY TWENTY-THREE PERCENT, AND
21 LARC USE AMONG WOMEN BETWEEN THE AGES OF FIFTEEN AND
22 TWENTY-FOUR YEARS HAD GROWN FROM FIVE PERCENT TO NINETEEN
23 PERCENT;

24 (h) IN COUNTIES THAT RECEIVED GRANT FUNDING:

25 (I) OBSERVED BIRTH RATES IN 2011 WERE TWENTY-NINE PERCENT
26 LOWER THAN EXPECTED AMONG LOW-INCOME WOMEN BETWEEN THE AGES
27 OF FIFTEEN AND NINETEEN YEARS AND FOURTEEN PERCENT LOWER THAN

1 EXPECTED AMONG LOW-INCOME WOMEN BETWEEN THE AGES OF TWENTY
2 AND TWENTY-FOUR YEARS; AND

3 (II) THE PROPORTION OF BIRTHS THAT WERE HIGH-RISK, MEANING
4 BIRTHS TO SINGLE WOMEN UNDER TWENTY-FIVE YEARS OF AGE WHO DO
5 NOT HAVE A HIGH SCHOOL EDUCATION, DECLINED BY TWENTY-FOUR
6 PERCENT BETWEEN 2009 AND 2011;

7 (i) THE GRANT FUNDING HAS RESULTED IN SIGNIFICANT GAINS
8 THROUGHOUT THE STATE, INCLUDING A REDUCTION IN THE TEEN BIRTH
9 RATE, INCREASED ACCESS TO EFFECTIVE MEANS OF BIRTH CONTROL, AND
10 DECREASED HIGH-RISK BIRTHS AND UNINTENDED PREGNANCIES, ALL OF
11 WHICH RESULT IN COSTS AVOIDED BY THE STATE AND LOCAL
12 GOVERNMENTS;

13 (j) ALTHOUGH THE GRANT FUNDING ENDS ON JUNE 30, 2015, IT IS
14 IMPORTANT THAT THE STATE CONTINUE TO PROVIDE AND EXPAND LARC
15 SERVICES THROUGHOUT THE STATE; AND

16 (k) NOTWITHSTANDING SECTION 24-75-1305, C.R.S., THE
17 EXPANDED PROGRAM TO PROVIDE LARC SERVICES SHALL BE FUNDED
18 FROM THE STATE GENERAL FUND.

19 (2) THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT
20 SHALL CONTRACT WITH ELIGIBLE FAMILY PLANNING PROVIDERS
21 THROUGHOUT THE STATE TO PROVIDE LARC SERVICES, WHICH SERVICES
22 INCLUDE:

23 (a) THE PROVISION OF LARC, INCLUDING IUDS AND IMPLANTS;

24 (b) TRAINING FOR PROVIDERS AND STAFF REGARDING THE
25 PROVISION OF LARC METHODS, COUNSELING STRATEGIES, AND MANAGING
26 SIDE EFFECTS;

27 (c) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE REGARDING ISSUES SUCH AS CODING,

1 BILLING, PHARMACY RULES, AND CLINIC MANAGEMENT NECESSITATED BY
2 THE INCREASING UTILIZATION OF LARC METHODS;

3 (d) GENERAL SUPPORT TO EXPAND THE CAPACITY OF THE FAMILY
4 PLANNING CLINICS;

5 (e) MARKETING AND OUTREACH REGARDING THE AVAILABILITY OF
6 LARC SERVICES; AND

7 (f) OTHER SERVICES THE DEPARTMENT DEEMS NECESSARY TO THE
8 PROVISION OF LARC METHODS TO FAMILY PLANNING CLIENTS IN THE
9 STATE.

10 (3) (a) NOTWITHSTANDING SECTION 24-75-1305, C.R.S., THE
11 GENERAL ASSEMBLY SHALL ANNUALLY APPROPRIATE GENERAL FUND
12 MONEYS TO THE DEPARTMENT TO PROVIDE EXPANDED LARC SERVICES.

13 (b) MONEYS APPROPRIATED TO THE DEPARTMENT PURSUANT TO
14 THIS SECTION MUST NOT SUPPLANT OR REDUCE ANY OTHER
15 APPROPRIATION OF STATE FUNDS THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH
16 AND ENVIRONMENT RECEIVES FOR THE FAMILY PLANNING PROGRAM
17 ADMINISTERED PURSUANT TO THIS PART 1 AND PART 2 OF THIS ARTICLE.

18 **SECTION 2. Appropriation.** For the 2015-16 state fiscal year,
19 \$5,000,000 is appropriated to the department of public health and
20 environment for use by the prevention services division. This
21 appropriation is from the general fund. To implement this act, the
22 department shall use this appropriation for the provision of expanded
23 LARC services pursuant to section 25-6-104, C.R.S.

24 **SECTION 3. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,
25 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate
26 preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.