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FACT SHEET

SB 13-231: Concerning the Creation of the Title IV-E Waiver Demonstration Project

Senators Steadman, Hodge, Lambert; Representatives Levy, Duran, Gerou

What are the Goals and Services of the Title IV-E Waiver Demonstration Project?

In October 2012, Colorado received approval for a five-year Title IV-E Waiver Demonstration Project with the goals of increasing permanency, achieving positive outcomes, and improving the safety and well-being of children in Colorado. Additionally, the Waiver Project aims to prevent child abuse and neglect while reducing re-entry to the child welfare system.

Through the Waiver counties can provide five types of service interventions:

- Family engagement
- Trauma-informed child assessment
- Trauma-focused behavioral health treatment
- Permanency Round Tables
- Kinship Supports

What does the bill do?

- Creates the Title IV-E Waiver Demonstration Project in statute, enabling counties to test interventions that will best increase permanency, positive outcomes, safety and well-being of children and their families.
- Authorizes the State to enter into performance agreements with participating counties or groups of counties, and to award funds separate from and in addition to the existing Child Welfare allocations.
- Authorizes an evaluation and requires counties to participate in the evaluation.
- Addresses disposition of unspent Title IV-E funds at the end of the fiscal year.
- Requires the State to report Project activities to the Legislature.

What federal funding will Colorado receive?

- Colorado will receive a "capped allocation" averaging roughly $48.5 million for each of next five years, or about $8 million more than Colorado earned in SFY 2011-12.
- Counties will continue to receive their current Child Welfare Services allocation of IV-E funding for eligible children in out-of-home placements.
- The additional IV-E waiver funds (~$8 million per year) will be distributed to participating counties to implement waiver interventions.

How will Counties be involved?

- Counties will enter into performance agreements with the State for the receipt and spending of IV-E Waiver funds.
- A State/County waiver oversight committee will award funds based on a county's readiness to implement the interventions consistent with waiver requirements.

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