2024 Legislative Session Wrap Up

Bills Prime Sponsored By Representative Mary Young

Public & Behavioral Health:

HB24-1003: Opiate Antagonists & Detection Products in Schools

Sponsors: Representatives McLachlan and Young & Senators Simpson and Michaelson Jenet

This bill encourages Colorado school districts to implement a policy that provides access to and education about administering opiate antagonists and testing strips in school environments and at school-sanctioned events. Students were a driving force with this bill and assisted us in creating a policy that reflects the needs of students in schools across the state.

HB24-1115: Prescription Drug Label Accessibility

Sponsors: Representatives Young and Joseph & Senator Fenberg

The bill mandates pharmacies to offer accessible prescription drug label information to individuals with visual impairments through electronic labels, prescription drug readers, braille or large print labels, or other recommended methods, within 28 days of request, while establishing a grant program to assist pharmacies in acquiring equipment for creating accessible labels and requiring them to inform the public of this service.

SB24-047: Prevention of Substance Use Disorders

Sponsors: Senators Jaquez Lewis and Priola & Representatives Young and Epps

Several measures regarding the prevention of substance use disorders are created within this bill. The Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP) will be modified and procedures for local drug overdose fatality review teams will be established to ensure public health.

SB24-115: Mental Health Professionals Practice Requirements

Sponsors: Senators Michaelson Jenet and Smallwood & Representatives Young and Sirota

The bill streamlines the process for mental health professionals by removing certain requirements, such as the need for an explanation of regulatory levels, eliminating the masters examination for licensed social worker licenses, and introducing a Colorado jurisprudence examination for various candidate registrations. Additionally, it allows candidates to renew their registrations if unable to complete licensure requirements within the designated timeframe and mandates rule-making to align rules with practice acts by December 31, 2024, for relevant state boards.

SB24-121: Licensure of Critical Access Hospitals

Sponsors: Senators Pelton and Roberts & Representatives Young and Holtorf

The bill separating critical access hospitals from the general hospital licensure process will create an easier pathway for Colorado's 32 critical access hospitals to obtain licensure. This will ease financial burdens and remove unnecessary steps in improving the existing critical access hospital.

HB24-1471: Electroconvulsive Therapy for Minors

Sponsors: Representatives Young and Bradfield & Senator Michaelson Jenet

The bill permits electroconvulsive treatment (ECT) for minors under 16 years old only if two licensed psychiatrists approve, other treatments have failed, ECT is necessary for life-threatening conditions, administered by a qualified physician, and consented to by the minor's parent or guardian.

SB24-227: Automated External Defibrillators in Public Schools

Sponsors: Senators Bridges and Pelton & Representatives Young and Bradley

The bill removes the authorization for public schools to refuse donated automated external defibrillators (AEDs) based on responsibility concerns regarding training, installation, or maintenance, but allows schools to determine the training procedures, frequency, and timing for AED use.

Education:

HB24-1063: Addressing Abbreviated School Days

Sponsors: Representatives Young and Garcia & Senator Kolker

As defined by this bill, an abbreviated school day is "any school day in which a student with disabilities receives instruction for fewer hours than the majority of students in the same grade and school district". The Colorado Department of Education is also required to create and implement a policy that includes this newly set definition of an ASD, documentation requirements and recordkeeping, provided information for parental consent, how students with disabilities can participate in school-sanctioned events, and a regular review process to determine ASD schedules.

HB24-1096: School Psychologist Licensure Interstate Compact

Sponsors: Representatives Young and Lukens & Senators Kolker and Marchman

Before participating in the compact, a state must require school psychologists to obtain the national requirement of supervision hours and a degree from an accredited school psychologist program. Once in the compact, obtaining licensure across member-state lines will be an easier process for school psychologists.

HB24-1231: State Funding for Higher Education Projects

Sponsors: Representatives Young and Daugherty & Senators Kirkmeyer and Mullica

This bill provides funding for capital construction projects related to healthcare education executed through a lease-purchase agreement will begin payments in the fiscal year 2027/28 to be used for the following additions to higher education:

- College of Osteopathic Medicine at the University of Northern Colorado;
- Health Institute Tower at Metropolitan State University of Denver;
- Veterinary Health Education Complex at Colorado State University; and
- The renovation of the Valley Campus Main Building at Trinidad State College.

SB24-069: Clarify Individualized Education Program Information

Sponsors: Senators Kolker and Kirkmeyer & Representatives Young and Garcia

In collaboration with stakeholders, the CDE is required to create a training program that outlines the federal and state procedures and laws related to individualized education programs in an easily understood format. Materials and resources must be provided as well making the training accessible to all intending to participate.

Saving Money for Coloradoans:

SB24-111: Senior Property Tax Exemption Portability Bill

Sponsors: Senators Kolker and Hansen & Representatives Lieder and Young

The bill establishes a new subclass of residential real property, termed qualified-senior primary residence real property, for property tax years starting January 1, 2025, allowing certain owner-occupiers meeting specific criteria to apply for reduced property tax valuation, while also providing reimbursement to local governments for any resulting revenue loss.

HB24-1084: Repeal & Reenact Earned Income Tax Credit Increase

Sponsors: Representatives Willford and Young & Senators Kolker and Fields

This bill repeals and reenacts House Bill 23B-1002, which increased the state earned income tax credit to 50% of the federal credit, aiming to resolve uncertainty resulting from litigation regarding the bill's compliance with state constitutional requirements.

Human Services:

HB24-1038: High-Acuity Crisis for Children & Youth

Sponsors: Representatives Young and Bradley & Senators Kirkmeyer and Fields

The bill mandates the development of a comprehensive system of care for children and youth with complex behavioral health needs, including standardized assessment tools, intensive care coordination, expanded supportive services, and access to treatment foster care. It establishes a residential child care provider training academy to ensure staff receive necessary training and sets quality standards for residential child care providers, incentivizing providers to exceed minimum standards. Additionally, it extends and enhances programs providing emergency resources to licensed providers, increases minimum reimbursement rates for residential treatment programs, and conducts analyses to determine appropriate Medicaid reimbursement rates for psychiatric facilities, while also implementing a pilot program for short-term residential services for juvenile justice-involved youth.

HB24-1377: CASA Volunteers Working with Foster Youth

Sponsors: Representatives Mabrey and Young & Senator Cutter

The bill allows court-appointed special advocate (CASA) volunteers to assist foster youth in transition by attaching to, staying attached to, or being reattached to their cases, with the youth's consent. CASA volunteers in such cases support the youth in planning for their future and accessing necessary services, but they are prohibited from making best interest recommendations to the court or accessing confidential information without the youth's express consent.

SB24-008: Kinship Foster Care Homes

Sponsors: Senators Zenzinger and Kirkmeyer & Representatives Pugliese and Young

This bill allows non-kinship foster care homes to obtain certification which details the eligibility requirements for financial assistance. This bill asks the CDHS to collect data on the number of children placed with kin and work with other state departments to guide the kinship certification process.

Supporting Older Coloradans:

SB24-040: State Funding for Seniors

Sponsors: Senators Danielson and Ginal & Representatives Willford and Young

The bill mandates a triennial review, starting by August 2024, conducted by the Department of Human Services, the Office of State Planning and Budgeting, and representatives from area agencies on aging, to assess the sufficiency of appropriations for senior services over the preceding three fiscal years as per the "Older Coloradans' Act", with findings to be reported to the General Assembly.

Regulatory & Infrastructure:

SB24-080: Transparency in Health Care Coverage

Sponsors: Senators Fields and Jaquez Lewis & Representative Young

The bill mandates health insurance carriers to adhere to federal price transparency laws and offer an internet-based self-service tool for covered individuals to access real-time cost-sharing information, while also requiring carriers to submit necessary data to the insurance commissioner as per federal pharmacy benefit and drug cost reporting laws; non-compliance constitutes unfair insurance practices.

HB24-1276: Sunset Process Commission for Deaf, Hard of Hearing, and Deafblind

Sponsors: Representatives Young and Bradfield & Senators Zenzinger and Lundeen

The bill implements recommendations from the Department of Regulatory Agencies' 2023 sunset review and report on the Colorado Commission for the Deaf, Hard of Hearing, and Deafblind by extending the commission's existence for 7 years until 2031, establishing a permanent state auxiliary services program, and renaming the Deafblind Citizens Council to the Deafblind Advisory Council.

HB24-1332: Sunset Continue Colorado Department of Early Childhood Executive Director Rule-Making

Sponsors: Representatives Young and Sirota & Senators Buckner and Michaelson Jenet

The bill implements the Department of Regulatory Agencies' recommendation from its 2023 sunset review and report regarding the rule-making authority of the Executive Director of the Department of Early Childhood by extending the executive director's rule-making authority for 7 years until September 1, 2031.

Bills Co-Sponsored by Representative Mary Young

Bill Number	Title
HB24-1001	Reauthorization of Rural Jump-Start Program
HB24-1002	Social Work Licensure Compact
<u>HB24-1004</u>	Ex-Offenders Practice in Regulated Occupations
HB24-1005	Health Insurers Contract with Qualified Providers
HB24-1008	Wage Claims Construction Industry Contractors
HB24-1009	Bilingual Child Care Licensing Resources
<u>HB24-1010</u>	Insurance Coverage for Provider-Administered Drugs
<u>HB24-1011</u>	Mortgage Servicers Disburse Insurance Proceeds
HB24-1013	Victim Programs in New Twenty-Third Judicial District
<u>HB24-1016</u>	Defined Personnel for Emergency Telephone Services
HB24-1017	Bill Of Rights for Foster Youth
<u>HB24-1030</u>	Railroad Safety Requirements
<u>HB24-1031</u>	Accessibility for Persons in Child Welfare Matters
<u>HB24-1032</u>	Extend Wild Horse Population Management Timeline
<u>HB24-1034</u>	Adult Competency to Stand Trial
<u>HB24-1035</u>	Modernize Health Benefit Exchange Governance
<u>HB24-1037</u>	Substance Use Disorders Harm Reduction
<u>HB24-1041</u>	Streamline Filing Sales & Use Tax Returns
<u>HB24-1042</u>	Fire & Police Pension Law Technical Corrections
HB24-1043	State Contribution to Fire & Police Pension Association Death & Disability Fund
<u>HB24-1045</u>	Treatment for Substance Use Disorders
HB24-1046	Child Welfare System Tools
HB24-1047	Veterinary Technician Scope of Practice
<u>HB24-1048</u>	Providing Veterinary Services Through Telehealth
<u>HB24-1052</u>	Senior Housing Income Tax Credit
<u>HB24-1054</u>	Jail Standards Commission Recommendations
<u>HB24-1055</u>	Child Passenger Safety & Education
<u>HB24-1058</u>	Protect Privacy of Biological Data
<u>HB24-1067</u>	Ballot Access for Candidates with Disabilities
<u>HB24-1070</u>	Allowing Certain Items at School Graduation
HB24-1074	Aggravated Cruelty to Law Enforcement Animals
<u>HB24-1075</u>	Analysis of Universal Health-Care Payment System
<u>HB24-1076</u>	Purple Star School Program
<u>HB24-1080</u>	Youth Sports Personnel Requirements
<u>HB24-1081</u>	Regulate Sale Transfer Sodium Nitrate

<u>HB24-1082</u>	First-Generation-Serving Higher Education Institutions
<u>HB24-1086</u>	Operation of Denver Health & Hospital Authority
HB24-1087	Professional Endorsement Special Education Teaching
HB24-1095	Increasing Protections for Minor Workers
<u>HB24-1097</u>	Military Family Occupational Credentialing
<u>HB24-1104</u>	Prohibiting Firefighter Personal Information on Internet
<u>HB24-1105</u>	Creating the Chicano Special License Plate
HB24-1122	Protection Orders for Victims of Crimes
<u>HB24-1130</u>	Privacy of Biometric Identifiers & Data
HB24-1131	Local College Districts
<u>HB24-1132</u>	Support for Living Organ Donors
HB24-1136	Healthier Social Media Use by Youth
HB24-1139	Death Benefit for State Employee Surviving Spouse
<u>HB24-1146</u>	Medicaid Provider Suspensions for Organized Fraud
<u>HB24-1149</u>	Prior Authorization Requirements Alternatives
HB24-1155	Management of Certain Public Safety Emergencies
<u>HB24-1161</u>	Motor Vehicle Access Individuals with Disabilities
<u>HB24-1164</u>	Free Menstrual Products to Students
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HB24-1176	Behavioral Health Grant for Capital Project
<u>HB24-1180</u>	Department of Agriculture Supplemental
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<u>HB24-1184</u>	of State Planning and Budgeting Supplemental
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<u>HB24-1196</u>	Department of Public Health & Environment Supplemental
<u>HB24-1203</u>	Capital Construction Supplemental
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<u>HB24-1206</u>	School Food Authorities
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<u>HB24-1210</u>	Higher Education Longitudinal Data System Report Deadline
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HB24-1214	Community Crime Victims Funding
HB24-1215	Transfers to the Capital Construction Fund
HB24-1216	Supports for Youth in Juvenile Justice System
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<u>HB24-1220</u>	Workers' Compensation Disability Benefits
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<u>HB24-1254</u>	Sunset Regulation of Non Transplant Tissue Banks
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<u>HB24-1257</u>	Sunset Natural Areas Council
<u>HB24-1258</u>	Credit Covered Person Expenses Insurer Insolvency
<u>HB24-1260</u>	Prohibition Against Employee Discipline
<u>HB24-1262</u>	Maternal Health Midwives
<u>HB24-1268</u>	Financial Assistance for Certain Low-Income Individuals
<u>HB24-1273</u>	Sunset Continue Veterans Assistance Grant Program
HB24-1275	Sunset Continue Underfunded Courthouse Commission
<u>HB24-1277</u>	Sunset Youth Restraint & Seclusion Working Group
<u>HB24-1278</u>	Sunset Concurrent Enrollment Advisory Board
<u>HB24-1280</u>	Welcome, Reception, & Integration Grant Program
HB24-1282	Ninth-Grade Success Grant & Performance Reporting
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HB24-1286	Equal Justice Fund Authority
<u>HB24-1290</u>	Student Educator Stipend Program
HB24-1293	Voluntary Payroll Deductions for State Employees
HB24-1294	Mobile Homes in Mobile Home Parks
<u>HB24-1305</u>	Changes for Concurrent Enrollment Students
<u>HB24-1308</u>	Effective Implementation of Affordable Housing Programs
HB24-1309	Use of Aircraft in Search and Rescue Operations
HB24-1311	Family Affordability Tax Credit
HB24-1312	State Income Tax Credit for Careworkers
HB24-1316	Middle-Income Housing Tax Credit

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HB24-1319	Fire Fighters License Plate Expiration on Transfer
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<u>HB24-1327</u>	Sunset Physical Therapists
<u>HB24-1331</u>	Out-of-School Time Grant Program
<u>HB24-1335</u>	Sunset Continue Mortuary Science Code Regulation
HB24-1340	Incentives for Post-Secondary Education
HB24-1342	Test Accommodations for Persons with Disabilities
HB24-1345	Sunset Human Trafficking Council
HB24-1347	FY 2024-25 Legislative Appropriation Bill
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<u>HB24-1364</u>	Education-Based Workforce Readiness
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<u>HB24-1369</u>	Colorado Agriculture Special License Plate
<u>HB24-1373</u>	Alcohol Beverage Retail Licensees
<u>HB24-1376</u>	Expand Teacher Mentorships
<u>HB24-1378</u>	Consumer Protection in Event Ticket Sales
HB24-1382	Insurance Coverage Pediatric Neuropsychiatric Syndrome
<u>HB24-1384</u>	Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics
<u>HB24-1387</u>	Preschool Programs Cash Fund
<u>HB24-1388</u>	Transfers to the Nurse Home Visitor Program Fund
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<u>HB24-1406</u>	School-Based Mental Health Support Program

HB24-1407	Community Food Assistance Provider Grant Program
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<u>HB24-1459</u>	Birth Equity
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<u>SB24-007</u>	Behavioral Health First Aid Training Program
<u>SB24-010</u>	Dentist & Dental Hygienist Compact
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<u>SB24-018</u>	Physician Assistant Licensure Compact
<u>SB24-026</u>	Agriculture & Natural Resources Public Engagement Requirement
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<u>SB24-034</u>	Increase Access to School-Based Health Care
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SB24-063	Confidentiality of Group Peer Support Services
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SB24-068	Medical Aid-in-Dying
SB24-070	Remote Testing & Online Education Programs
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SB24-100	Commercial Vehicle Highway Safety Measures
<u>SB24-103</u>	Labor & Employment Statuses Technical Changes
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