

## CHAPTER 414

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**APPROPRIATIONS**

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**HOUSE BILL 26-1152**

BY REPRESENTATIVE(S) Sirota, Brown, Taggart, Bacon, Boeseucker, Duran, English, Froelich, Garcia, Joseph, Lieder, Lindsay, Nguyen, Story, McCluskie;  
also SENATOR(S) Bridges, Amabile, Kirkmeyer, Bright.

**AN ACT**

**CONCERNING A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF EARLY CHILDHOOD.**

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

**SECTION 1. Appropriation to the department of early childhood for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025.** In Session Laws of Colorado 2025, section 2 of chapter 476, (SB 25-206), **amend** Part III as follows:

Section 2. **Appropriation.**

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*Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material added to existing statutes; dashes through words indicate deletions from existing statutes and such material not part of act.*

APPROPRIATION FROM

ITEM & SUBTOTAL	TOTAL	GENERAL FUND	GENERAL FUND EXEMPT	CASH FUNDS	REAPPROPRIATED FUNDS	FEDERAL FUNDS
\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$

**PART III  
DEPARTMENT OF EARLY CHILDHOOD**

**(1) EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S OFFICE**

**(A) General  
Administration**

Personal Services	8,320,096
	(77.8 FTE)
Health, Life, and Dental	<del>4,321,929</del>
	4,013,539
Short-term Disability	17,153
Paid Family and Medical Leave Insurance	110,267
Unfunded Liability Amortization Equalization	
Disbursement Payments	2,450,376
Salary Survey	673,166
Step Pay	103,887
PERA Direct Distribution	434,604

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ITEM & SUBTOTAL	TOTAL	APPROPRIATION FROM				
		GENERAL FUND	GENERAL FUND EXEMPT	CASH FUNDS	REAPPROPRIATED FUNDS	FEDERAL FUNDS
\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Shift Differential	81					
Workers' Compensation	66,300					
Operating Expenses	846,987					
Legal Services	1,431,001					
Administrative Law						
Judge Services	2,822					
Payment to Risk Management and Property Funds	4,303					
Vehicle Lease Payments	<del>8,026</del> 6,910					
Capital Outlay	126,730					
Leased Space	332,520					
Statewide Indirect Cost Assessment	176,389					
	<u>19,426,637</u>	8,020,520		1,832,654*	8,045,430 <sup>b</sup>	1,528,033*
	19,117,131	7,799,193		1,784,617 <sup>a</sup>	8,040,248 <sup>b</sup>	1,493,073 <sup>c</sup>

<sup>a</sup> Of this amount, ~~\$357,209~~ \$349,000 shall be from the Preschool Programs Cash Fund created in Section 26.5-4-209 (1)(a), C.R.S., ~~\$180,280~~ \$175,598 shall be from the Nurse Home Visitor Program Fund created in Section 26.5-3-507 (2)(c)(I), C.R.S., \$97,401(I) shall be from the Early Intervention Services Trust Fund created in Section 26.5-3-409 (2)(a), C.R.S., ~~\$61,362~~ \$59,915 shall be from the Marijuana Tax Cash Fund created in Section 39-28.8-501 (1), C.R.S., and ~~\$1,136,402~~ \$1,102,703 shall be from various cash fund sources. The Early Intervention Services Trust Fund amount is shown for informational purposes only as this fund is not subject to appropriation by the General Assembly and the amount is exempt from the restrictions on state spending imposed by Section 20 of Article X of the State Constitution pursuant to Section 26.5-3-409 (2)(a), C.R.S.

<sup>b</sup> Of this amount, \$176,389 shall be from statewide indirect cost recoveries, ~~\$7,869,041~~ \$7,863,859 shall be from departmental indirect cost recoveries or the Indirect Costs Excess Recovery Fund created in Section 24-75-1401 (2), C.R.S.

<sup>c</sup> Of this amount, ~~\$1,527,695~~ \$1,492,735 shall be from Child Care Development Funds and \$338 reflects funds anticipated to be received pursuant to Part C of the federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act.

**(B) Information Technology Systems**

Information Technology				
Contracts and Equipment	11,792,150	7,852,664	3,260,000 <sup>a</sup>	679,486 <sup>b</sup>
Information Technology				
Systems Managed by Other				
Departments	571,796	66,622		505,174 <sup>b</sup>
Payments to OIT	<del>14,906,899</del>	<del>12,285,052</del>	<del>2,621,847<sup>c</sup></del>	
	14,751,986	12,157,388	2,594,598 <sup>c</sup>	
CORE Operations	21,441	21,441		
Child Care Automated				
Tracking System	<u>4,414,382</u>	504,449		3,909,933 <sup>b</sup>
	<del>31,706,668</del>			
	31,551,755			

<sup>a</sup> This amount shall be from the Preschool Program Cash Fund created in Section 26.5-4-209 (1)(a), C.R.S.

<sup>b</sup> These amounts shall be from Child Care Development Funds.

ITEM & SUBTOTAL	TOTAL	APPROPRIATION FROM				
		GENERAL FUND	GENERAL FUND EXEMPT	CASH FUNDS	REAPPROPRIATED FUNDS	FEDERAL FUNDS
\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
	<del>51,133,305</del>					
	50,668,886					
<b>(2) PARTNERSHIPS AND COLLABORATIONS<sup>9</sup></b>						
Personal Services (6.5 FTE)	852,058	286,380				565,678 <sup>a</sup>
Operating Expenses	182,766	45,846				136,920 <sup>a</sup>
Local Coordinating Organizations	4,521,570			4,521,570 <sup>b</sup>		
Early Childhood Councils	4,414,452	1,000,000				3,414,452 <sup>a</sup>
Child Care Resource and Referrals	<del>663,835</del> 633,835					<del>663,835<sup>a</sup></del> 633,835 <sup>a</sup>
Family Resource Centers	1,545,654	1,545,654				
Indirect Cost Assessment	<u>386,287</u>					386,287 <sup>a</sup>
	<del>12,566,622</del>					
	12,536,622					

<sup>c</sup> Of this amount, ~~\$2,212,137~~ \$2,189,146 shall be from departmental indirect cost recoveries or the Indirect Costs Excess Recovery Fund created in Section 24-75-1401 (2), C.R.S., and ~~\$409,710~~ \$405,452 shall be from transfers from the Department of State.

<sup>a</sup> These amounts shall be from Child Care Development Funds.

<sup>b</sup> This amount shall be from the Preschool Program Cash Fund created in Section 26.5-4-209 (1)(a), C.R.S.

**(3) EARLY LEARNING ACCESS AND QUALITY<sup>9</sup>**

Personal Services	8,855,201 (61.0 FTE)	3,044,800	993,476 <sup>a</sup>	4,816,925 <sup>b</sup>
Operating Expenses	245,326	19,022	18,430 <sup>a</sup>	207,874 <sup>b</sup>
Universal Preschool Program	<del>349,096,944</del> 359,096,944	146,333,200	<del>202,763,744<sup>a</sup></del> 212,763,744 <sup>a</sup>	
Child Care Assistance Program	185,700,444	37,058,921	20,296,012(I) <sup>c</sup>	128,345,511 <sup>d</sup>
Intrastate Child Care Assistance Program Redistribution	500,000			500,000 <sup>b</sup>
Workforce Recruitment and Retention Grants	<del>1,128,167</del> 978,167			<del>1,128,167<sup>b</sup></del> 978,167 <sup>b</sup>
Professional Development and Training	<del>2,425,317</del> 2,345,317	75,000		<del>2,350,317<sup>b</sup></del> 2,270,317 <sup>b</sup>
Early Childhood Quality and Availability	<del>10,490,649</del> 10,240,649	3,043,243		<del>7,447,406<sup>b</sup></del> 7,197,406 <sup>b</sup>
Imagination Library of Colorado	1,624,365	1,624,365		
Indirect Cost Assessment	<u>4,931,423</u>			4,931,423 <sup>b</sup>

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		GENERAL FUND	GENERAL FUND EXEMPT	CASH FUNDS	REAPPROPRIATED FUNDS	FEDERAL FUNDS
\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
	564,997,836					
	574,517,836					

<sup>a</sup>These amounts shall be from the Preschool Programs Cash Fund created in Section 26.5-4-209 (1)(a), C.R.S.

<sup>b</sup>These amounts shall be from Child Care Development Funds.

<sup>c</sup>This amount shall be from local funds and reflects the local share of the costs of administering the Child Care Assistance Program and the local share of child care subsidies. The (L) notation and the (I) notation apply to this amount.

<sup>d</sup>Of this amount, \$128,245,511 shall be from Child Care Development Funds and \$100,000 shall be from the Title XX Social Services Block Grant.

**(4) COMMUNITY AND FAMILY SUPPORT<sup>9</sup>**

Personal Services (23.8 FTE)	4,389,273	2,041,221		489,586 <sup>a</sup>		1,858,466 <sup>b</sup>
Operating Expenses	329,641	185,233		52,188 <sup>c</sup>		92,220 <sup>d</sup>
Early Intervention	<del>99,946,707</del> 92,604,480	<del>76,986,834</del> 69,644,607		10,987,177(I) <sup>e</sup>	5,940,111 <sup>f</sup>	6,032,585(I) <sup>g</sup>
Home Visiting	29,791,933	628,226		27,400,370 <sup>h</sup>		1,763,337(I) <sup>i</sup>
Child Maltreatment Prevention	14,697,067	8,350,453		2,208,216 <sup>j</sup>		4,138,398(I) <sup>k</sup>

Early Childhood Mental Health Services	3,689,262	1,627,813		2,061,449 <sup>l</sup>
Social-Emotional Learning Programs Grants	817,289		817,289 <sup>m</sup>	
Child Care Services and Substance Use Disorder Treatment Pilot Program	500,000	500,000		
Universal Home Visiting Pilot Program	2,528,842	2,528,842		
	(1.0 FTE)			
Indirect Cost Assessment	<u>1,000,976</u>		308,754 <sup>n</sup>	692,222 <sup>o</sup>
	<del>157,690,990</del>			
	150,348,763			

<sup>a</sup>Of this amount, \$243,219 shall be from the Nurse Home Visitor Program Fund created in Section 26.5-3-507 (2)(c)(I), C.R.S., \$126,043 shall be from the Colorado Child Abuse Prevention Trust Fund created in Section 26.5-3-206 (1), C.R.S., \$110,154 shall be from the Marijuana Tax Cash Fund created in Section 39-28.8-501 (1), C.R.S., and \$10,170(I) shall be from the Early Intervention Services Trust Fund created in Section 26.5-3-409 (2)(a), C.R.S. The Early Intervention Services Trust Fund amount is shown for informational purposes only as this fund is not subject to appropriation by the General Assembly and the amount is exempt from the restrictions on state spending imposed by Section 20 of Article X of the State Constitution pursuant to Section 26.5-3-409 (2)(a), C.R.S.

<sup>b</sup>Of this amount, \$1,515,563(I) reflects funds anticipated to be received pursuant to Part C of the federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, \$182,256 shall be from Child Care Development Funds, \$95,779(I) reflects funds anticipated to be received pursuant to Title IV-B, Subpart 2, of the Social Security Act, and \$64,868(I) reflects funds anticipated to be received pursuant to the Community-based Child Abuse Prevention Grant fund.

<sup>c</sup>Of this amount, \$29,084 shall be from the Nurse Home Visitor Program Fund created in Section 26.5-3-507 (2)(c)(I), C.R.S., \$20,254 shall be from the Marijuana Tax Cash Fund created in Section 39-28.8-501 (1), C.R.S., and \$2,850 shall be from the Colorado Child Abuse Prevention Trust Fund created in Section 26.5-3-206 (1), C.R.S.

<sup>d</sup>Of this amount, \$33,202 shall be from Child Care Development Funds, \$32,944(I) reflects funds anticipated to be received pursuant to Part C of the federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, \$21,024(I) reflects funds anticipated to be received pursuant to Title IV-B, Subpart 2, of the Social Security Act, and \$5,050(I) reflects funds anticipated to be received pursuant to the Community-based Child Abuse Prevention Grant fund.

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<sup>e</sup>This amount shall be from the Early Intervention Services Trust Fund created in Section 26.5-3-409 (2)(a), C.R.S. The Early Intervention Services Trust Fund amount is shown for informational purposes only as this fund is not subject to appropriation by the General Assembly and the amount is exempt from the restrictions on state spending imposed by Section 20 of Article X of the State Constitution pursuant to Section 26.5-3-409 (2)(a), C.R.S.

<sup>f</sup>This amount shall be from Medicaid funds transferred from the Department of Health Care Policy and Financing.

<sup>g</sup>This amount reflects funds anticipated to be received pursuant to Part C of the federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act.

<sup>h</sup>This amount shall be from the Nurse Home Visitor Program Fund created in Section 26.5-3-507 (2)(c)(I), C.R.S., which is received as a damage award and, as such, does not constitute fiscal year spending for the purposes of Section 20 of Article X of the State Constitution.

<sup>i</sup>This amount shall be from the Maternal, Infant and Early Childhood Home Visiting Grant program.

<sup>j</sup> Of this amount, \$1,074,400(I)(L) shall be from local funds and \$1,133,816 shall be from the Colorado Child Abuse Prevention Trust Fund created in Section 26.5-3-20 (1), C.R.S.

<sup>k</sup> Of this amount, \$3,390,000(I) reflects funds anticipated to be received pursuant to Title IV-B, Subpart 2, of the Social Security Act, and \$748,398(I) reflects funds anticipated to be received pursuant to the Community-based Child Abuse Prevention Grant fund.

<sup>l</sup>This amount shall be from Child Care Development Funds.

<sup>m</sup>This amount shall be from the Marijuana Tax Cash Fund created in Section 39-28.8-501 (1), C.R.S.

<sup>n</sup> Of this amount, \$204,077 shall be from the Nurse Home Visitor Program Fund created in Section 26.5-3-507 (2)(c)(I), C.R.S., and \$104,677 shall be from various sources of cash funds. The Nurse Home Visitor Program Fund created in Section 26.5-3-507 (2)(c)(I), C.R.S., is received as a damage award and, as such, does not constitute fiscal year spending for the purposes of Section 20 of Article X of the State Constitution.

<sup>o</sup>Of this amount, \$237,687 shall be from Child Care Development Funds and \$454,535(I) shall be from various sources of federal funds.

**(5) LICENSING AND ADMINISTRATION<sup>9</sup>**

Personal Services	10,798,873	2,850,540		1,283,751 <sup>a</sup>		6,664,582 <sup>b</sup>
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	(64.3 FTE)			
Operating Expenses	505,950	49,366	271,615 <sup>c</sup>	184,969 <sup>d</sup>
Background				
Investigation Unit	1,261,344		1,261,344 <sup>e</sup>	
	(8.7 FTE)			
Indirect Cost Assessment	<u>3,936,660</u>		317,720 <sup>f</sup>	3,618,940 <sup>b</sup>
	16,502,827			

<sup>a</sup> Of this amount, \$1,273,751 shall be from the Child Care Licensing Cash Fund created in Section 26.5-5-311 (4), C.R.S. and \$10,000(I) shall be from the Child Care Cash Fund created in Section 26.5-5-323 (4), C.R.S. The Child Care Cash Fund amount is shown for informational purposes as it is continuously appropriated for activities related to the improvement of the quality of child care in Colorado, pursuant to Section 26.5-5-323 (4), C.R.S.

<sup>b</sup> These amounts shall be from Child Care Development Funds.

<sup>c</sup> This amount shall be from the Child Care Licensing Cash Fund created in Section 26.5-5-311 (4), C.R.S.

<sup>d</sup> Of this amount, \$150,000(I) shall be from Title IV-E of the Social Security Act, and \$34,969 shall be from Child Care Development Funds. The amount from Title IV-E of the Social Security Act is reflected pursuant to Section 26-1-111 (2)(d)(II)(B), C.R.S., and shall be used in determining the amount to be deposited to the Excess Federal Title IV-E Reimbursements Cash Fund pursuant to Section 26-1-111 (2)(d)(II)(C), C.R.S.

<sup>e</sup> Of this amount, \$970,811 shall be from the Records and Reports Fund created in Section 19-1-307 (2.5)(b), C.R.S. and \$290,533 shall be from the Child Care Licensing Cash Fund created in Section 26.5-5-311 (4), C.R.S.

<sup>f</sup> This amount shall be from various sources of cash funds.

**TOTALS PART III**

<b>(EARLY CHILDHOOD)</b>	<del>\$802,891,580</del>	<del>\$318,575,707</del>	<del>\$279,083,896<sup>a</sup></del>	<del>\$16,607,388</del>	<del>\$188,624,589<sup>b</sup></del>
	<u>\$804,574,934</u>	<u>\$310,884,489</u>	<u>\$289,035,859<sup>a</sup></u>	<u>\$16,574,957</u>	<u>\$188,079,629<sup>b</sup></u>

<sup>a</sup> Of this amount, \$32,475,160 contains an (I) notation and is included for informational purposes only.

<sup>b</sup> Of this amount, \$14,274,421 contains an (I) notation and is included for informational purposes only.

**FOOTNOTES** -- The following statements are referenced to the numbered footnotes throughout section 2.

- 9 Department of Early Childhood, Partnerships and Collaboration; Early Learning Access and Quality; Community and Family Support; Licensing and Administration -- In addition to the transfer authority provided in Section 24-75-108, C.R.S., the Department of Early Childhood may transfer up to 5.0 percent of the total amount appropriated to the indirect cost assessment line items in these divisions among the indirect cost assessment line items in these divisions.

**SECTION 2. Safety clause.** The general assembly finds, determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety or for appropriations for the support and maintenance of the departments of the state and state institutions.

Approved: March 12, 2026