A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING CREATING THE EVIDENCE-BASED PRACTICES
102 IMPLEMENTATION FOR CAPACITY RESOURCE CENTER.

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 bill creates the evidence-based practices implementation for capacity resource center in the division of criminal justice in the department of public safety. The resource center will assist agencies serving juvenile and adult populations to develop, implement, and sustain effective science-based frameworks to support the use of evidence-based
practices. An advisory board will oversee the resource center. The members of the advisory board are, at a minimum, the executive directors of the department of public safety, department of corrections, and department of human services, the director of the division of criminal justice, and the director of the division of probation or their designees. The director of the division of criminal justice may appoint additional members to ensure adequate representation and oversight. The division of criminal justice is authorized to accept gifts, grants, and donations for the program. The division will report to the general assembly by July 1, 2014, and every 3 years thereafter on the status of the resource center.

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

SECTION 1. Legislative declaration. (1) The general assembly hereby finds that:

(a) Public safety is enhanced by combining evidence-based correctional practices with the science of program implementation to promote pro-social change among offenders;

(b) Public safety is enhanced by continuously improving the skills of Colorado's criminal justice professionals and by expanding the state's capacity to provide evidence-based offender supervision, case management, and service practices;

(c) The systematic use of implementation science is critical to effect long-term, system-wide, organizational change to promote pro-social change among offenders, reduce victimization, and enhance public safety;

(d) Building and sustaining agency implementation capacity is essential to maximizing the use of evidence-based practices;

(e) The judicial department and the departments of public safety, corrections, and human services are committed to the use of evidence-based practices and implementation science to most effectively use public safety resources;
(f) Research indicates that agencies must invest in the development and use of implementation strategies that are grounded in science and improved through accumulated professional experience;

(g) Research shows that client outcomes can be predicted by the quality of the relationship between the professional and the client;

(h) Organizational flexibility is required to use research to change strategies, services, and systems when new evidence about best practices emerges over time; and

(i) Outcomes are most likely to be improved when multiple agencies work together to enhance cooperation and collaboration and expand knowledge of the criminal justice system.

(2) Therefore, the general assembly determines that implementation of a centralized resource center to promote the use of evidence-based correctional practices and the use of implementation science helps build the long-term capacity of each department to develop strategies, services, and systems to benefit the state.

SECTION 2. In Colorado Revised Statutes, add 24-33.5-514 as follows:

24-33.5-514. Evidence-based practices implementation for capacity program - repeal. (1) There is hereby created the evidence-based practices implementation for capacity resource center in the division, referred to in this section as the "center". The intent of the center is to assist agencies serving juvenile and adult populations to develop and sustain effective implementation frameworks to support the use of evidence-based practices. The center is a collaborative effort among the department of public safety, the department of corrections, the
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES, AND THE JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT TO
INCREASE THE EFFICACY OF INDIVIDUALS WHO WORK WITH VARIOUS
OFFENDER AND VICTIM POPULATIONS BY ESTABLISHING AN EDUCATIONAL,
SKILL-BUILDING, AND CONSULTATION RESOURCE CENTER TO SUPPORT
PRACTITIONERS IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF EVIDENCE-BASED PRACTICES.

(2) (a) THERE IS HEREBY CREATED IN THE DIVISION THE EPIC
ADVISORY BOARD, REFERRED TO IN THIS SECTION AS THE "BOARD".

(b) THE BOARD SHALL EXERCISE ITS POWERS AND PERFORM ITS
DUTIES AND FUNCTIONS UNDER THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY.

(c) (I) THE BOARD SHALL CONSIST OF, AT A MINIMUM, THE
FOLLOWING FIVE MEMBERS:

(A) THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC
SAFETY OR HIS OR HER DESIGNEE;

(B) THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF
CORRECTIONS OR HIS OR HER DESIGNEE;

(C) THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN
SERVICES OR HIS OR HER DESIGNEE;

(D) THE DIRECTOR OF THE DIVISION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE IN THE
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY; AND

(E) THE DIRECTOR OF THE DIVISION OF PROBATION SERVICES IN
THE JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT OR HIS OR HER DESIGNEE.

(II) THE DIRECTOR OF THE DIVISION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE MAY
APPOINT ADDITIONAL MEMBERS TO ENSURE ADEQUATE REPRESENTATION
AND OVERSIGHT.

(d) THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD SHALL SERVE WITHOUT
COMPENSATION AND WITHOUT REIMBURSEMENT FOR EXPENSES.

(e) THE BOARD SHALL MEET AT LEAST FOUR TIMES PER CALENDAR
YEAR. THE DIRECTOR OF THE DIVISION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE MAY CALL
SUCH ADDITIONAL MEETINGS AS MAY BE NECESSARY FOR THE BOARD TO
COMPLETE ITS DUTIES.

(f) THE BOARD SHALL SUPPORT THE CENTER TO CREATE AND
MAINTAIN INTERNAL, SUSTAINABLE STRUCTURAL IMPLEMENTATION
COMPONENTS OF EVIDENCE-BASED PRACTICES.

(g) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL PROVIDE OFFICE SPACE, EQUIPMENT,
AND STAFF SERVICES AS MAY BE NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THE
PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION.

(h) (I) THIS SUBSECTION (2) IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER
1, 2023.

(II) PRIOR TO SAID REPEAL, THE BOARD SHALL BE REVIEWED AS
PROVIDED FOR IN SECTION 2-3-1203, C.R.S.

(3) (a) THE DIVISION IS AUTHORIZED TO SEEK AND ACCEPT GIFTS,
GRANTS, OR DONATIONS FROM PRIVATE OR PUBLIC SOURCES FOR THE
PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION; EXCEPT THAT THE DIVISION MAY NOT ACCEPT
A GIFT, GRANT, OR DONATION THAT IS SUBJECT TO CONDITIONS THAT ARE
INCONSISTENT WITH THIS SECTION OR ANY OTHER LAW OF THE STATE. THE
DIVISION SHALL TRANSMIT ALL PRIVATE AND PUBLIC MONEYS RECEIVED
THROUGH GIFTS, GRANTS, OR DONATIONS TO THE STATE TREASURER, WHO
SHALL CREDIT THE SAME TO THE EPIC FUND, WHICH FUND IS HEREBY
CREATED AND REFERRED TO IN THIS SECTION AS THE "FUND". THE MONEYS
IN THE FUND ARE SUBJECT TO ANNUAL APPROPRIATION BY THE GENERAL
ASSEMBLY TO THE DIVISION FOR THE DIRECT AND INDIRECT COSTS
ASSOCIATED WITH IMPLEMENTING THIS SECTION.

(b) THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FINDS THAT THE IMPLEMENTATION OF
THIS SECTION DOES NOT RELY ENTIRELY OR IN ANY PART ON THE RECEIPT
OF ADEQUATE FUNDING THROUGH GIFTS, GRANTS, OR DONATIONS. THEREFORE, THE DIVISION IS NOT SUBJECT TO THE NOTICE REQUIREMENTS SPECIFIED IN SECTION 24-75-1303 (3).

(4) BY JULY 1, 2014, AND JULY 1 EVERY THREE YEARS THEREAFTER, THE DIVISION SHALL PROVIDE A REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY REGARDING THE STATUS OF THE CENTER.

SECTION 3. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 2-3-1203, add (3) (jj.5) as follows:

2-3-1203. Sunset review of advisory committees. (3) The following dates are the dates for which the statutory authorization for the designated advisory committees is scheduled for repeal:

(jj.5) SEPTEMBER 1, 2023:

(I) THE EPIC ADVISORY BOARD CREATED IN SECTION 24-33.5-514 (2), C.R.S.

SECTION 4. Act subject to petition - effective date. This act takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly (August 7, 2013, if adjournment sine die is on May 8, 2013); except that, if a referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take effect unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in November 2014 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.