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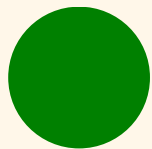


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HB24-1007: Prohibit Residential Occupancy Limits

[link to full bill.](#)

bill summary.

This bill stops local governments from putting residential occupancy limits into place, and from enforcing them based on how many family members live in a household. It does however let local governments limit how many people can live in a household dependent on health and safety regulations like building codes, fire laws, or water quality standards set by the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment.

In essence, the bill makes sure that while local governments can't discriminate against families in setting occupancy limits, they still have the authority to establish reasonable limits based on health and safety considerations.

status: signed by governor 04/15/24



HB24-1017:

Bill of Rights for Foster Youth

[link to full bill.](#)

bill summary.

This bill lays out the rights that children and youth in foster care are entitled to based on the law. These rights are designed to protect and support the children in the foster care system. It applies to all youth in Colorado's foster care system, which includes those in the foster youth in transition program to successfully integrate youth into adulthood. The bill of rights are aimed at safeguarding the well-being and ensuring the proper treatment of children and youth while they are in foster care.

status: to governor to sign



HB24-1019: Crisis Resolution Team Program

[link to full bill.](#)

bill summary.

This bill establishes the Crisis Resolution Team Program within the Department of Human Services to provide community-based services for children and youth experiencing severe behavioral health crises. Eligible individuals must be 21 years or younger, have experienced such crises, and be deemed safe for community-based stabilization interventions. Services provided by contracted providers include counseling, case management, peer support, medication management, and care coordination. These services must be offered at least three days a week for a minimum of four weeks, up to six weeks depending on clinical needs. The Behavioral Health Administration is tasked with program administration, maintaining community partnerships, providing technical assistance to providers, and conducting an annual evaluation.

status: in consideration



HB24-1025: Implement Fertility Coverage for Health Plans

[link to full bill.](#)

bill summary.

This bill removes the current requirement for health benefit plans to cover fertility diagnoses, treatments, and preservation services a year after the federal government determines that the state no longer needs to cover those services. It requires the Division of Insurance to implement coverage for plans that were issued or renewed on or after January 1, 2025 which ensures that fertility services will be covered regardless of federal decisions.

The bill also ensures equal access to fertility services regardless of how they are accessed by prohibiting health benefit plans from restricting fertility coverage depending on how an individual chooses to get them. Additionally, the bill expands the definition of "infertility" to include "status" in addition to disease or condition.

status: in consideration

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HB24-1026: Local Government Tax Payers' Bill of Rights Prior Voter Approval Requirement

[link to full bill.](#)

bill summary.

This bill mandates that local governments in Colorado that have been able to keep excess revenue past pre-established TABOR limits through voter-approved waiver elections will have to get re-approval from voters with a November 2029 deadline if the original waiver elections took place before November 9, 2020.

status: failed house



HB24-1031: Accessibility for Persons in Child Welfare Matters

[link to full bill.](#)

bill summary.

This bill aims to ensure language access and civil rights law compliance within Colorado's child welfare system, It requires entities (county departments, cities counties, and private contractors) to provide meaningful language access and translation services as well as mandates that courts must consider language access during legal proceedings involving children and families.

status: in consideration



HB24-1039: Non-Legal Name Changes

[link to full bill.](#)

bill summary.

The bill requires each school board of education and pilot schools to adopt written policies prohibiting discrimination on the basis of gender expression which includes the use of a student's chosen name. The written policy must specify that it is discriminatory to knowingly or intentionally use a name other than a student's chosen name.

The bill specifies that for purposes of anti-discrimination laws, discrimination based on gender expression includes the use of an individual's chosen name.

status: to governor to sign



HB24-1040: Gender-Affirming Health-Care Provider Study

[link to full bill.](#)

bill summary.

This bill requires a comprehensive study to be done on gender-affirming healthcare and services in Colorado in the hopes of better understanding the landscape of care and improving access for transgender and gender-nonconforming individuals. It mandates that the Department of Public Health and Environment in Colorado must submit a report of its findings by December 31st, 2026.

status: postponed indefinitely



HB24-1065: Reduction of State Income Tax Rate

[link to full bill.](#)

bill summary.

For income tax years beginning on and after January 1, 2025, this bill reduces both the individual and the corporate state income tax rates from 4.40% to 4.0%. The bill also makes these rate reductions exempt from current state requirements surrounding tax expenditure legislation.

status: postponed indefinitely



HB24-1067: Ballot Access for Candidates with Disabilities

[link to full bill.](#)

bill summary.

This bill requires the general assembly, the secretary of state, and each political party to make sure that the ways in which candidates are able to access ballots (i.e. caucus process) remain accessible to people with disabilities. It says that the petition process is not an accessible way for people with disabilities to be able to access ballots. It requires that within 6 months after the bill goes into effect, anyone, if requested, must be able to use video conferencing platforms to participate in a caucus or party assembly unless it is held in a location with no internet access. If there is no internet access, participation must be allowed in an alternative way, like a phone process,

If a political party fails to make reasonable efforts to comply with the bill requirements, this would constitute discrimination on the basis of disability which is in violation of current laws.

status: to governor to sign



HB24-1070: Allowing Certain Items at School Graduation

[link to full bill.](#)

bill summary.

This bill would allow graduating students to wear and display religious or cultural regalia at graduation ceremonies. This includes graduation ceremonies at preschools, public schools, public colleges, and universities. These schools would be prohibited from restricting what a student can wear under required graduation attire.

This bill would however allow schools to prohibit students from wearing or displaying an item that could disrupt or interfere with the graduation ceremony. But any of these restrictions must be the least restrictive possible and also be justified and balanced against the students' rights.

Prior to the beginning of the 2024-25 school year, schools must develop and adopt a policy that aligns with the requirements of this bill.

**status: postponed indefinitely;
replaced with HB24-1323**



HB24-1071: Name Change to Conform with Gender Identity

[link to full bill.](#)

bill summary.

Currently, the law specifies conditions that must be met in order for someone who has been convicted of a felony to change their name. One of these conditions is that the person must show "good cause" to change their name to one that is different from the one they were convicted under, The bill expands the definition of "good cause" to include changing the person's name to align with their gender identity.

The bill allows that the court can require a petitioner, particularly one that has a felony conviction who wants to change their name to align with their gender identity to provide public notice of the name change request.

status: to governor to sign



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

[link to full bill.](#)

bill summary.

In November 2023, HB 1002 was enacted that increased state earned income tax credit from 25% to 50% of the federal earned income tax credit. In December 2023, litigation was filed regarding HB 1002's compliance with the state constitution regarding reading bills at length unless there is unanimous agreement to waive the readings. This litigation has caused uncertainty for individuals who would be eligible for the earned income tax credit and for the state government about the amount of the credit for the 2023 income tax year.

This bill would repeal HB 1002 and allow its legality to be reaffirmed.

status: signed by governor 01/31/24



HB24-1098: Cause Required for Eviction of Residential Tenant

[link to full bill.](#)

bill summary.

This bill generally prohibits landlords from evicting residential tenants without cause, except for under specific circumstances. Cause for eviction includes unlawful detention of property tenant conduct causing nuisance or disturbance, or certain conditions constituting "no-fault eviction" (such as demolition, renovations, landlord or family occupancy, withdrawal from the rental market, refusal to sign a new lease or history of nonpayment of rent.

If a landlord evicts a tenant without cause, the tenant can seek relief under existing laws and use the landlord's violation as a defense in eviction proceedings.

status: signed by governor 04/19/24



HB24-1101: Empower Victims through Access Restorative Justice

[link to full bill.](#)

bill summary.

This bill establishes certain rights for victim-survivors, including the right to participate in restorative justice processes, the right to request restorative justice processes, the right to request restorative justice as an alternative to prosecution, and the right to accept or decline participation at any stage of the proceedings. Restorative justice processes are facilitated by trained professionals who enforce established standards. It is completely voluntary to participate in restorative justice programs, and they must be confidential. The bill also makes more people eligible for restorative justice.

Overall it seeks to expand access to restorative justice practices, enhance victim-survivor rights, ensure professionalism and confidentiality in the processes and streamline procedures.

status: postponed indefinitely



HB24-1103: Prohibiting Term Excited Delirium

[link to full bill.](#)

bill summary.

This bill prohibits the inclusion of the term “excited delirium” in training for law enforcement personnel, emergency medical service providers, and other first responders. However, an exception allows its use in emergency medical service provider training solely for teaching the history of the term. Peace officers are prohibited from using the term “excited delirium: to describe a person in incident reports. This means that the term cannot be used to characterize individuals involved in incidents. Coroners or other authorized individuals responsible for determining the cause of death are barred from listing “excited delirium” as the cause of death on death certificates. This prevents the term from being officially recorded as the cause of death for individuals.

status: governor signed 04/04/2024



HB24-1106: Require Information about Abortion Pill Reversal link to full resolution. bill summary.

This bill mandates that physicians or qualified medical professionals provide state-prepared information about abortion pill reversal to women seeking medical abortions. This information, which includes a contact number and website for abortion pill reversal resources, must be given at least 24 hours before prescribing or administering the abortion-inducing drug. The Department of Public Health and Environment must display this information on its website. Failing to provide the information is considered a deceptive trade practice, subject to civil penalties and professional discipline. The act also allows the general assembly to intervene in lawsuits challenging its constitutionality.

status: postponed indefinitely



HB24-1123: Funding for School Safety Firearm Detection Systems

[link to full resolution.](#)

bill summary.

The bill creates the School Safety Firearm Detection Funding Program within the Office of School Safety to provide funds to local education providers for purchasing, installing, and operating firearm detection software in schools. The Office of School Safety administers the program. Local education providers must apply for funding, and disbursements are made on a first-come, first-served basis. The funds must be used to purchase and operate software that detects and alerts school personnel and first responders about visible, unholstered firearms on school property.

status: postponed indefinitely



HB24-1124: Discrimination in Places of Public Accommodation

[link to full resolution.](#)

bill summary.

The bill clarifies that nonprofit organizations renting space to political campaigns at their customary rates is not considered direct or indirect support of the political campaign. Additionally, the bill allows for injunctive relief in public accommodation discrimination cases and sets the penalty at \$3,500 per violation.

status: to governor to sign

HB24-1128: Enforcement of Federal Immigration Law

[link to full resolution.](#)

bill summary.

This bill reintroduces and reenacts the provisions of Senate Bill 06-090, that passed in 2006, but repealed in 2013. These provisions are aimed at making it easier to enforce federal immigration laws, such forcing cooperation with federal immigration officials and requiring reporting of individuals suspected of illegal presence and causing local governments that violate those provisions to be ineligible for certain grants.

The bill also repeals laws that prohibit arrests of individuals at courthouses or court proceedings, prevent probation officers from sharing personal information with federal immigration authorities, and forbid state and local entities from contracting with private companies for immigration detention services.

status: postponed indefinitely





HB24-1145: Modify Voter Registration Page on Secretary of State Website

[link to full resolution.](#)

bill summary.

By July 1, 2024, the Secretary of State must update the voter registration website to allow voters to confirm their mailing address, and choose voting preferences. The default option will be in-person voting, with a notice explaining the cost of unused mail ballots.

Starting July 1, 2024, voters must verify their address and voting preferences online at least once per election cycle, but can update selections multiple times before elections. New voters will make these selections during registration. Voters who don't select will default to in-person voting and won't receive mail ballots.

The Secretary of State and county officials must notify voters of these requirements. Savings from reduced election costs will fund child food vulnerability programs, using 50% of any reductions.

status: postponed indefinitely



HB24-1147: Candidate Election Deepfake Disclosures

[link to full resolution.](#)

bill summary.

This bill regulates the use of deepfakes created with AI in communications about candidates for elective office. Key provisions include:

1. Expanding the authority of administrative hearing officers to impose penalties for distributing deepfake communications with actual malice under the Fair Campaign Practices Act.
2. Prohibiting undisclosed deepfakes related to candidates requiring clear, conspicuous disclosure statements in the communication's metadata, and ensuring the disclosure can't easily be removed.
3. Allowing candidates to file complaints with the Secretary of State or bring civil actions for violations, including seeking injunctive relief, damages, and attorney fees.
4. Clarifying that the law does not limit other legal actions or exempt individuals from criminal liability for false deepfake communications.

status: to governor to sign



HB24-1150: False Slates of Electors

[link to full resolution.](#)

bill summary.

The bill introduces penalties for individuals involved in creating or serving on false slates of presidential electors by making such actions part of existing crimes:

- Offering a false instrument for recording.
- Committing forgery.
- Conspiring to offer a false instrument or commit forgery.
- Committing perjury.
- Committing subornation of perjury.

These crimes carry fines up to \$10,000. Additionally, those convicted of perjury or subornation of perjury related to false presidential elector oaths are disqualified from serving in the state legislature or holding any state office of trust or profit.

status: governor signed 04/19



HB24-1152: Accessory Dwelling Units

[link to full resolution.](#)

bill summary.

This bill establishes requirements for accessory dwelling units (ADUs) in certain jurisdictions. Cities with more than 1000 people in metropolitan areas and counties with more than 10 thousand people in areas within metropolitan regions must allow one ADU per single-family home and cannot enforce restrictive ADU laws. If these rules are followed and jurisdictions promote ADUs, they can get grants to help offset associated costs. Additionally, local developments and homeowner associations cannot impose extra restrictions on ADUs.

status: governor signed 05/13



HB24-1167: Prohibit Student Seclusion

[link to full resolution.](#)

bill summary.

This bill bans the use of seclusion on students in school districts and charter schools, including during off-campus activities. It requires the state board of education to update rules to reflect this ban and to create a resource bank with alternatives to seclusion and restraints for school use. The bill also updates reporting requirements to ensure all incidents of seclusion are reported.

status: postponed indefinitely

HB24-1168: Equal Access to Public Meetings

[link to full resolution.](#)

bill summary.

This bill mandates that by July 1, 2025, state and local public bodies must:

- live stream and record all public meetings, ensuring access for individuals with disabilities
- post documents to be distributed at the meeting on their website at least 24 hours in advance
- allow individuals to participate and give public testimony via a video conferencing platform unless the meeting location lacks broadband internet
- provide requested auxiliary aids or services for meetings, with requests to be made up to 7 days prior

Public bodies may set rules for public testimony, provided they apply equally to in-person and remote participants. They are not required to supply hardware, software, or internet access for individuals.

Noncompliance is considered discrimination based on disability, and individuals affected may seek legal relief.

status: died on calendar



HB24-1170: Rights for Youth Division of Youth Services Facilities

[link to full resolution.](#)

bill summary.

This bill establishes in statute a bill of rights for youth who are the responsibility of the Department of Human Services, whether the youth is detained or committed to the care and physical custody of a juvenile facility operated by the department.

status: governor signed 06/04



HB24-1224: Personhood of Living Unborn Human Child

[link to full resolution.](#)

bill summary.

This bill redefines "person" to include an unborn child at any stage of development for private right of action, neglect, and existing homicide and assault laws. It supersedes any conflicting state laws on prenatal neglect, homicide, assault, or abortion regulations. The bill allows a mother to use the defense of duress for first-degree murder if the victim is her unborn child. It also authorizes the state to ignore federal court decisions against the bill and subjects Colorado judges to impeachment or removal if they attempt to overrule or invalidate the bill.

status: postponed indefinitely



HB24-1225: First Degree Murder Bail & Jury Selection Statute

[link to full resolution.](#)

bill summary.

The bill introduces an exception to the right to bail for individuals charged with first-degree murder when evidence is strong. It also extends existing rules for peremptory juror challenges in capital cases to first-degree murder cases. The bill will only take effect if a state constitutional amendment regarding bail exceptions is adopted in the 2024 general election.

status: governor signed 04/29



HB24-1252: Sunset Suicide Prevention Commission

[link to full resolution.](#)

bill summary.

This bill extends the existence of the suicide prevention commission within the Department of Public Health and Environment from its current repeal date of September 1, 2024, to September 1, 2029. It also reduces the number of commission members from 26 to 22 and adjusts the appointment process for the committee.

status: governor signed 05/31



HB24-1259: Price Gouging in Rent Declared Disaster link to full resolution.

bill summary.

The bill prohibits price gouging in the provision of housing during a declared disaster.

status: governor signed 06/05



HB24-1260: Prohibition Against Employee Discipline

[link to full resolution.](#)

bill summary.

This bill prohibits employers from disciplining or threatening employees who refuse to participate in meetings or communications about religious or political matters. This applies to state employees only for meetings about joining or supporting labor organizations. Exemptions include legally required communications, those necessary for job performance, and those preventing discrimination or harassment. Educational institutions are exempt for communications related to academic programs. The bill does not apply to certain religious and nonprofit organizations. Employees can seek relief through the Department of Labor and Employment or district court. Employers must notify employees of their rights under this bill.

status: governor signed 06/05



HB24-1292: Prohibit Certain Weapons Used in Mass Shootings

[link to full resolution.](#)

bill summary.

The bill prohibits the manufacture, import, purchase, or sale of assault weapons, as defined by the bill, and the possession or sale of rapid-fire trigger activators. Attempting to sell an assault weapon or rapid-fire trigger activator after July 1, 2025, is punishable depending on the party attempting the sale.

status: passed house to senate



HB24-1289: Workload Standards for Office of State Public Defender

[link to full resolution.](#)

bill summary.

The bill requires the Office of the State Public Defender (OSPD) to conduct a workload study by November 1, 2025. The study must consider the workload of OSPD attorneys regularly engaged in client representation based on certain factors, and must recommend a weighted unit of workload measurement by case type and offense. The study must also consider input from OSPD employees.

status: in consideration



HB24-1323: School Graduation Attire

[link to full resolution.](#)

bill summary.

The bill allows students at preschools, public schools, charter schools, and institutions of higher education to wear items of cultural or religious significance during graduation ceremonies. Schools and colleges may not restrict what a student wears underneath their graduation garments and must adopt a policy for graduation attire that aligns with the bill. The State Board of Education may not waive the bill's provisions for charter schools.

The bill does not impede the school or college from prohibiting attire that will be disruptive to the graduation ceremony. Prohibitions on attire must be based on evidence of disruption and use the least restrictive means necessary.

status: in consideration



HB24-1349: Firearms & Ammunition Excise Tax

[link to full resolution.](#)

bill summary.

The bill refers a ballot measure to voters at the November 2024 election. If voters approve the ballot measure, the bill imposes an excise tax on firearms dealers, firearms manufacturers, and ammunition vendors equal to 9 percent of net taxable sales from the retail sale of any firearm, firearm precursor part, or ammunition in Colorado. The tax is levied beginning on April 1, 2025.

If approved by voters, revenue from the tax is exempt from TABOR as a voter-approved revenue change.

status: in consideration



HB24-1355: Measures to Reduce the Competency Wait List

[link to full resolution.](#)

bill summary.

The bill creates the bridges wraparound care program (wraparound program) in the office of bridges of Colorado (bridges of Colorado) to increase the success of eligible individuals referred from the criminal justice system by connecting the individuals to necessary wraparound care coordination services, resulting in case dismissal, continuity of care, and increased social stability.

status: in consideration



HB24-1451: Include Hair Length in CROWN Act

[link to full resolution.](#)

bill summary.

The CROWN Act, enacted under House Bill 20-1048, specified that discrimination in public education, employment, housing, public accommodation, and advertising on the basis of race includes hair texture, hair type, and protective hairstyles that are commonly or historically associated with race. The bill adds hair length that is commonly or historically associated with race to the list of traits associated with one's race.

status: in consideration



SB24-001: Continue Youth Mental Health Services Program

[link to full resolution.](#)

bill summary.

This bill continues the temporary youth mental health services program commonly known as "I Matter", that is scheduled to repeal on June 30th 2024. The temporary youth mental health services program provides youth three or more free mental health sessions with a licensed therapists. This bill allows for the continuation of critical mental health resources and infrastructure for youth in Colorado.

status: to governor



SB24-006: Pretrial Diversion Programs

[link to full resolution.](#)

bill summary.

The bill requires a district attorney's office, or the office's designee, to consider the use of a juvenile diversion programs to prevent a juvenile who demonstrates behaviors or symptoms consistent with an intellectual and developmental disability, a mental or behavioral health issue, or a lack of mental capacity from further involvement in formal delinquency proceedings. The bill adds behavioral health services and services for juveniles with developmental disabilities to the types of services a juvenile may need and adds behavioral health treatment providers and providers who offer services to juveniles with developmental disabilities to the list of professionals who may provide the appropriate diversion services.

status: Governor signed 3/22/2024

SB24-012: Reentry Workforce Development Cash Assistance Pilot Program

[link to full resolution.](#)

bill summary.

The bill creates the reentry workforce development cash assistance pilot program in the department of corrections to provide cash assistance to persons who enroll and participate in workforce services or training programs after incarceration. The pilot program provides a total payment of up to \$3,000 to eligible persons for basic life expenses.

status:



SB24-029: Study Metrics to Measure Criminal Justice System Success

[link to full resolution.](#)

bill summary.

The bill creates the alternative metrics to measure criminal justice system performance working group. The working group consists of representatives from the division of youth services in the department of human services, the department of corrections, the judicial department, and the department of public safety, and a community-based organization that works for criminal legal reform and 2 members from an institution of higher education with expertise in the criminal legal system. The working group shall consult with stakeholders either identified by the working group or who request to participate.

status: Governor Signed 03/06/2024

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SB24-034: Increase Access to School-Based Health Care

[link to full resolution.](#)

bill summary.

This bill expands the definition of a school-based health center and the purposes of the grant program to authorize grants for evidence-informed, school-linked health-care services. Services may include primary health-care, behavioral health-care, oral health-care, and preventive health-care services. School-linked health-care services may be delivered through telehealth, mobile services, and referrals for health-care services at a clinic near school grounds.

status: To Governor



SB24-050: Colorado Workforce Demonstration Grants Pilot Program

[link to full resolution.](#)

bill summary.

This bill creates the Colorado workforce demonstration grants pilot program it's run by the Office of Economic Development and provides grants to certain workforce training providers. These grants are meant to help train people for jobs. If a training provider gets a grant, they have to tell the office about the programs they offer and how effective they are. The office will then look at how well these programs help people get better-paying jobs in the long run. The office must conduct an evaluation of long-term wage outcomes for eligible participants served by eligible workforce training providers under the pilot program.

**status: To Senate Appropriations,
died on the calendar**

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SB24-053: Racial Equity Study

[link to full resolution.](#)

bill summary.

This bill establishes the Black Coloradan racial equity commission in the legislative department to conduct a study to determine any historical and ongoing effects of slavery and subsequent systemic racism on Black Coloradans that may be attributed to Colorado state policies, and to identify measures that are consistent with the constitution to address those effects. The study includes historical research conducted by the state historical society (society), commonly known as history Colorado, and an economic analysis.

status: To Governor



SB24-059: Children's Behavioral Health Statewide System of Care

[link to full resolution.](#)

bill summary.

This bill mandates the creation of a unified children's behavioral health system in Colorado, overseen by multiple agencies such as the department of human services and the department of public health and environment.. This system, known as the "system of care," will be the primary avenue for addressing the behavioral health requirements of children and adolescents in the state, irrespective of their insurance, payment method, or financial status. The system of care shall serve children and youth up to twenty-one years of age who have mental health disorders, substance use disorders, co-occurring behavioral health disorders, or intellectual and developmental disabilities

status:

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SB24-072: Voting for Confined Eligible Electors

[link to full resolution.](#)

bill summary.

Currently, the county clerk and recorder must try their best to work with the sheriff or their designee at each jail or detention center to help confined people vote. This bill says a county sheriff must choose someone to help confined people vote at the county jail or detention center. This person, called the "sheriff's designee," has to work with the county clerk and recorder. The sheriff's designee must inform confined individuals about their right to vote, how they can check or update their voter registration, and how they can register to vote. They also have to make sure confined individuals can easily access resources to check or update their voter registration or register to vote.

status: To Governor

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SB24-084: Attorney General Duties to Prevent Mis- & Dis- information

[link to full resolution.](#)

bill summary.

To prevent and combat the sharing and spreading of misinformation and disinformation, the attorney general is required to: establish an initiative to encourage respectful engagement and discourse. They must also develop and share a curriculum *resources* to facilitate productive and honest conversations regarding statewide and national issues to help people find common ground; and collaborate with organizations across the state to develop and update the materials that are used in connection with the curriculum *resources and coordinate with the department of education to make the resources available to schools and school districts in the state* .

status: To Governor



SB24-093: Continuity of Health-Care Coverage Change

[link to full resolution.](#)

bill summary.

The bill allows a person enrolled in the state medicaid program or with a private health insurance carrier whose coverage has been terminated or not renewed to receive continued care with their same health-care provider or health-care facility under their new health benefit plan at the in-network level under their new health benefit plan for specified time periods if certain conditions exist.

status: Governor signed 04/04/2024



SB24-094: Safe Housing for Residential Tenants

[link to full resolution.](#)

bill summary.

The bill updates the laws about living conditions in rental properties. It makes clear what actions count as breaking these laws and it sets out steps for both landlords and tenants if there's a problem with living conditions. It creates rules for what tenants and landlords can do if there's a dispute, like letting tenants use a breach of the living condition laws as a defense if landlords try to evict them or take them to court for unpaid rent. The bill also sets out rules for how much money tenants can ask for if the landlord broke the living condition laws.

status: To Governor

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SB24-099: Public Employees' Retirement Association Employment after Retirement for Rural Schools

[link to full resolution.](#)

bill summary.

Currently, there are rules about how long retired public employees can work for the same retirement system without losing benefits. But in some cases, rural schools can hire retired teachers, bus drivers, cooks, nurses, or assistants without cutting their retirement pay for any part of the year. This bill expands this to include retired superintendents and principals, allowing them to work for rural schools without losing retirement benefits. It also specifies that small rural schools with less than 1,000 students can also take advantage of this rule.

status: Governor Signed 04/11/2024



SB24-106: Right to Remedy Construction Defects

[link to full resolution.](#)

bill summary.

Colorado's "Construction Defect Action Reform Act" sets out rules for filing lawsuits over construction flaws. Section 4 of the bill makes it clear that the rules apply to the person making the claim. According to Section 2, for a unit owners' association to file a claim, they need written consent from at least 60% of the actual owners of units in the community. This consent must include required notices, be signed by each consenting owner, and have certain declarations.

Under the law, someone making a claim can't ask for compensation for not meeting building codes or industry standards unless it causes:

- Actual damage to property
- Actual loss of property use
- Physical harm or death
- A risk of injury or death to occupants.

status:



SB24-111: Senior Primary Residence Prop Tax Reduction

[link to full resolution.](#)

bill summary.

Starting from January 1, 2025, the bill introduces a new type of residential property classification known as "qualified-senior primary residence real property." This classification applies to residential properties that are the main home of an owner who applies for it to the county assessor as per the bill's requirements. To qualify:

- The owner must have previously received a property tax exemption for seniors for a different property starting from January 1, 2016, but doesn't qualify for the exemption for the current tax year.
- The property's qualifying conditions remain unchanged since the owner filed the application.

status: Governor Signed 05/14/2024

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SB24-114: Income Tax Credit for Parental School Engagement

[link to full resolution.](#)

bill summary.

The bill establishes a refundable state income tax credit for parental engagement in schools for income tax years commencing on or after January 1, 2025, but before January 1, 2030, that allows a taxpayer who is a parent, guardian, or legal custodian (taxpayer) to claim a credit when the taxpayer volunteers in the school of the taxpayer's child. Taxpayers are allowed a credit of \$20 for each volunteer hour, up to \$500.

status:



SB24-116: Discounted Care for Indigent Patients

[link to full resolution.](#)

bill summary.

Right now, health-care facilities must check uninsured patients to see if they qualify for public health insurance or discounted care programs like the Colorado indigent care program (CICP). Patients can get discounted care if their household income is within 250% of the federal poverty level and they got health services at a facility. The bill narrows this to health services received in a hospital, either as an inpatient or outpatient, and requires patients to confirm they live in Colorado. The licensed health-care professional who provides services to a patient is responsible for billing the patient for those services, unless the services are billed on a comprehensive bill issued by a health-care facility.

status: To Governor



SB24-131: Prohibiting Carrying Firearms in Sensitive Spaces

[link to full resolution.](#)

bill summary.

The bill prohibits a person from knowingly carrying a firearm, both openly and concealed, in the following government buildings, including their adjacent parking areas:

- *State legislative buildings, including buildings at which the offices of elected members are located;*
- *A building of a local government's governing body, including buildings at which the offices of elected members or the chief executive officer of a local government are located; and*
- *A courthouse or other building used for court proceedings.*

status: To Governor



SB24-146: Tax Credit for Qualified Renters

[link to full resolution.](#)

bill summary.

From 2024 income tax year to 2026 income tax year, the bill offers a nonrefundable income tax credit for renters who meet certain criteria:

- They rent their main home in the state.
- Their federal adjusted gross income (AGI) is under \$75,000 for single filers or under \$125,000 for joint filers.

The credit amount depends on income:

- Joint filers with AGI up to \$75,000 get \$2,000. For every \$500 of income over \$50,000, the credit decreases by \$20.
- Single filers with AGI up to \$25,000 get \$1,000. For every \$500 of income over \$25,000, the credit decreases by \$20.

**status: To House Appropriations died
on the calendar**

citizens project position



SB24-153: News Access for Consumers Who Are Print-Disabled

[link to full resolution.](#)

bill summary.

This bill directs providers of on-demand news and information services to Coloradans who are blind or print-disabled to expand their services and increase the number of Coloradans who are blind or print-disabled who are aware of such services. The expansion of services includes providing an expanded array of information and literacy support services throughout the state, such as a variety of communication-related assistive technologies and blindness-related services; introductory training; and methods to find and use additional resources in or near communities where a person lives.

status: To Governor

citizens project position



SB24-189: Gender-Related Bias-Motivated Crimes

[link to full resolution.](#)

bill summary.

This bill adds gender identity and gender expression to the classes identified in bias-motivated crimes and harassment. The bill redefines sexual orientation for purposes of bias-motivated crimes as an individual's identity, or another individual's perception thereof, in relation to the gender or genders to which the individual is sexually or emotionally attracted and the behavior or social affiliation that may result from the attraction.

status: To Governor

citizens project position



SB24-200: Equity, Diversity, & Inclusion in Child Welfare

[link to full resolution.](#)

bill summary.

This bill creates multiple ways to promote equity, diversity, and inclusion (EDI) in Colorado's child welfare system. The state department of human services (department) is directed to work with county departments of human or social services to update the existing annual departmental EDI report using state data sources and national child welfare data clearinghouse.

status: To Governor

citizens project position

SB24-210: Modifications to Laws Regarding Elections

[link to full resolution.](#)

bill summary.

This bill makes changes to key election laws: the "Uniform Election Code of 1992," laws on initiatives and referendums, and the "Fair Campaign Practices Act." General Elections: It clarifies that the county clerk and recorder, as the main election official for the county. Voter Qualification: The bill lowers the age for voter preregistration from 16 to 15 years old. Political Party Organization: In districts comprising multiple counties, it states that a state senatorial or representative central committee includes elected precinct committee members and chairpersons, vice-chairpersons, and secretaries of party county central committees within the district. Candidate Access to Ballot: It allows candidates defeated in a primary election to still run in the general election for President. Additionally, it permits the governor to choose an alternate location for presidential electors to convene if meeting at the governor's office is not possible.

status: To Governor



citizens project position



SB24-216: Standards for Decisions Regarding Library Resources

[link to full resolution.](#)

bill summary.

This bill requires the board of trustees of a public library (board) to establish written policies for the acquisition, retention, display, and use of library resources and for the use of a public library facility. In addition, if a public library reconsiders library resources, the board is also required to establish a written policy for the reconsideration of a library resource. The board is required to comply with specified standards in establishing a policy for the acquisition, retention, display, use, and reconsideration of library resources and for the use of public library facilities.

status: To Governor



criminal justice reform

citizens project position



SR24-004: Equal Rights Amendment

link to full resolution.

bill summary.

Concerning the effort to acknowledge and enshrine in the Constitution the rights of women in the United States.

status: signed act



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citizens project supports this bill

Education.

HB24-1167: Prohibit Student Seclusion

HB24-1167 aims to prohibit the use of seclusion on students in school districts, district charter schools, and institute charter schools, including during off-campus, school-sponsored activities, while also mandating the state board of education to establish rules reflecting this prohibition and to maintain a resource bank of alternatives to seclusion and restraints

Health Equity.

HB24-1071: Change to Conform with Gender Identity

HB24-1071: Change to Conform with Gender Identity allows convicted felons to change their name to conform with their gender identity.

Elections.

HB24-1067: Ballot Access for Candidates with Disabilities

HB24-1067: Ballot Access for Candidates with Disabilities requires each political party to make sure that the ways in which candidates are able to access ballots remain accessible to people with disabilities.

Youth Advocacy.

HB24-1017: Bill of Rights for Foster Youth

HB24-1017: Bill of Rights for Foster Youth establishes a bill of rights for foster care youth and measures to inform and enforce these rights.

Handicap Equity.

HB24-1124: Discrimination in Places of Public Accommodation

HB24-1124: Discrimination in Places of Public Accommodation clarifies that nonprofits can rent space to political campaigns, and modifies discrimination remedies.

citizens project opposes this bill

Employee Protections.

HB24-1260: Prohibition Against Employee Discipline

HB24-1260: Prohibition Against Employee Discipline: This bill prohibits an employer from taking action against an employee who declines to attend meetings, listen to speech, or view communications that include religious or political matters.

Juvenile Reform.

SB24-006: Pretrial Diversion Programs

SB24-006: Pretrial Diversion Programs expands eligibility for participation in juvenile and adult diversion programs.

Youth Advocacy.

SB24-001: Continue Youth Mental Health Services Program

SB24-001: Continue Youth Mental Health Services Program continues the I Matter program, which provides up to 6 free therapy sessions and makes changes to vendor procurement and reporting requirements for the program.

Healthcare.

SB24-216: Standards for Decisions Regarding Library Resources:

SB24-216: Standards for Decisions Regarding Library Resources: this bill requires public library boards to establish procedures regarding the removal of library resources and creates protections for library staff members.

Elections.

SB24-072: Voting for Confined Eligible Electors

SB24-072: Voting for Confined Eligible Electors requires that county jails and detention centers provide in-person voting for eligible confined voters during general elections.



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how did your representative vote?

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Citizens Project monitors bills every year at the Colorado State Legislature, and we report back to our community about bills we support and oppose, based on their alignment with our values of equity, inclusion, and justice. This report card highlights some of those bills and identifies how each El Paso County Legislator voted.

legislator voting record

The pages that follow show how each legislator voted in the 2024 session.

Below are the list of Citizens Project chosen bills

HB24-1039

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stephanie vigil • district 16

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regina english • district 17

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rod bockenfeld • district 56

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what are they?

Language plays a key role in enabling humans to exercise power over other humans, especially when that power is not physical. Language influences and can, if used in certain ways, manipulate. Language power techniques are ways that language is used to convince the reader or hearer to believe what is being communicated. These tools are used in all aspects of culture to influence and persuade individuals and communities. This persuasion is seen in marketing products, political debates, and almost everything in popular culture. As with most things, it is the vulnerable and marginalized individuals and communities who often believe language that reflects disinformation because of the use of propaganda and these language power techniques.

If people are unaware of these techniques, they become more susceptible to believe and spread disinformation. Often people will adopt the worldviews and ideologies from these sources. In a world where multimedia, social, and global media are at levels never seen before in human history, knowing what language power techniques are, and how to identify and process them will help make more informed citizens and educated voters, which ultimately defines city, state, and national policies.

As part of Citizens Project's mission to inform, below are four language power techniques highlighted by The Clarify Initiative.

The Clarify Initiative highlights 4 language power techniques:

- **Metaphor** • [link to The Clarify Initiative video on Metaphor](#)
- **Doublespeak** • [link to The Clarify Initiative video on Doublespeak](#)
- **Pronoun Choice & Address Forms** • [link to The Clarify Initiative video on Pronoun Choice & Address Forms](#)
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