

HOUSE COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE REPORT

Chair of Committee

March 18, 2026
Date

Committee on Judiciary.

After consideration on the merits, the Committee recommends the following:

HB26-1234 be amended as follows, and as so amended, be referred to the Committee of the Whole with favorable recommendation:

1 Amend printed bill, page 2, strike lines 8 through 17.

2 Page 3, strike lines 1 through 4, and substitute:

3 "(1) (a) **Identifying information - confidential.**

4 (I) Except as otherwise provided in this section and section
5 19-1-303, reports OR RECORDS of child abuse or neglect, ~~and the name~~
6 ~~and address of any child, family, or informant or any other identifying~~
7 ~~information contained in such reports shall be confidential and shall not~~
8 ~~be public information.~~ AND ANY IDENTIFYING INFORMATION CONTAINED
9 IN THE REPORTS OR RECORDS OF CHILD ABUSE OR NEGLECT, MUST NOT BE
10 SHARED WITH THE PUBLIC.

11 (II) FOR PURPOSES OF THIS SUBSECTION (1)(a), THE NAME,
12 ADDRESS, AND ANY OTHER INFORMATION THAT MAY REVEAL THE
13 IDENTITY OF A CHILD, FAMILY, OR INFORMANT IS CONSIDERED IDENTIFYING
14 INFORMATION. A PERSON IN POSSESSION OF A REPORT OR RECORD OF CHILD
15 ABUSE OR NEGLECT SHALL NOT RELEASE IDENTIFYING INFORMATION
16 CONTAINED IN THE REPORT OR RECORD OF CHILD ABUSE OR NEGLECT TO
17 A PERSON NOT PERMITTED TO ACCESS THE INFORMATION PURSUANT TO
18 THIS SECTION OR BY SECTION 19-1-303 UNLESS OTHERWISE AUTHORIZED
19 BY THE LAW OF THIS STATE. A COUNTY DEPARTMENT IS NOT LIABLE FOR
20 THE REDISCLOSURE MADE BY A PERSON FOLLOWING THE COUNTY
21 DEPARTMENT'S LAWFUL RELEASE OF A REPORT OR RECORD OF CHILD
22 ABUSE OR NEGLECT."

23 Page 3, strike lines 14 through 17, and substitute:

24 "(III) THE ASSIGNED DESIGNEE OF A PERSON NAMED IN THE REPORT
25 OR RECORD WHO IS ACTING ON THE PERSON'S BEHALF AS A RESULT OF A
26 VALID RELEASE OF INFORMATION, SIGNED BY AN AUTHORIZED PERSON,

1 WITH PROTECTION FOR THE IDENTITY OF THE PERSON NAMED IN THE
2 REPORTS OR RECORDS."

3 Page 5, strike lines 15 through 18 and substitute "~~19-1-307 (4), C.R.S.~~
4 COMMITS A PETTY OFFENSE."

5 Page 6, strike lines 7 through 10 and substitute "~~19-1-307 (4), C.R.S.~~
6 COMMITS A PETTY OFFENSE."

7 Page 6, strike lines 25 through 27.

8 Page 7, strike line 1 and substitute "~~violated section 19-1-307 (4), C.R.S.~~
9 COMMITS A PETTY OFFENSE."

10 Page 7, strike lines 17 through 20 and substitute "~~C.R.S.~~ COMMITS A
11 PETTY OFFENSE."

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