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CSLC LEGISLATION

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SUPPORT

SB 4 **Guzman** **Crimes Against Homeless Persons** **House Judiciary**

Would add homelessness to the state hate crimes laws. More homeless are targeted victims of hate crimes—assault and homicide—than all other groups put together.

SB 8 **Boyd** **Aligning Children’s Medicaid Eligibility** **Signed into Law**

Standardizes Medicaid coverage for kids to 133% of Federal Poverty Level, rather than vary eligibility by age to simply things for families and providers. These children are currently covered by Child Health Plan.

SB 44 **Steadman** **Collateral Consequence of Conviction Act** **House State Affairs**

Collateral consequences are those things beyond the serving one’s sentence or fine for a crime that happen as a consequence of conviction. Allows an individual to petition the court, with notice to the D., for limited relief or for restoration of rights so that the individual may gain employment, housing, public benefits, or occupational licensing.

SB 133 **Hudak** **Discipline in Public Schools** **House Education**

Addresses the “School to Prison Pipeline”—Would require the Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice to study use of criminal sanctions and specific school discipline strategies in the public schools in the state and make legislative recommendation.

SB 168 **Aguilar** **Colorado Health Care Coop** **Senate Second**

Sets up a Colorado health care authority which will hire a consultant to design a health care cooperative for all state residents and its financing. This would later be presented to voters. This is an approach to health care coverage that is allowed under the Federal Health Care Reform law.

SB 176 **Carroll** **Solitary Confinement Specific Populations** **Senate Appropriations**

The bill sets forth the requirements to be met before a state inmate, including an offender with a serious mental illness or other significant mental impairment, may be placed in administrative segregation and the requirements for release, including mental health evaluations

SB 200 **Boyd** **Health Benefits Exchange** **House Health**

Would set up a board to oversee development of the Colorado Health Insurance Exchange. Would also set up a Legislative Oversight Committee for this board.

HB 1019 **Kagan** **Waiver of CoPays School Health Ctrs** **Signed into Law**

Allows school based health clinics to not charge a copay and to waive deductibles. This is currently not permitted and is a barrier..

HB 1216 **Reisberg** **Disability Benefit License Plate Number** **Signed into Law**

Proposes that highly desirable state license plate numbers be reserved for auctioning off to highest bidder, with proceeds going to assist individuals who need help filing for disability benefits.

SB 68 **Carroll** **Increase Consumer Protection Enforcement** **Postponed Indefinitely**

Prohibits person from engaging in a deceptive or unfair trade practice, permitting the attorney general to identify specific acts, practices and methods. Creates a rebuttable presumption that a significant public impact has occurred when a plaintiff offers evidence that a defendant engaged in a deceptive trade practice.

SB 72 **Carroll** **Job Protection and Civil Rights** **Postponed Indefinitely**

This bill would put "teeth" into State Civil Rights laws by bringing state remedies for proven discrimination in line with Federal anti-discrimination law (Title VII) to include compensatory and punitive damages and attorney fees in cases of intentional discrimination. A three year employer education period would precede the new remedies going into effect.

SB 126 **Duran** **Unsubsidized State Tuition** **Postponed Indefinitely**

Allows students to be classified as an unsubsidized in-state student if they attended for 3 years and graduated from a Colorado High School within the last year. The student would get the in-state tuition rate, but not the Colorado Opportunity Fund stipend which other residents would get.

HB 1287 **Levy/Nikkel** **Colo Juvenile Equal Protection Act** **Postponed Indefinitely**

Allow juveniles convicted of murder prior to 2006 the same eligibility for future parole as those juveniles convicted after 2006. That is—rather than be sentence to life without the possibility of parole, they would be sentence to life – about 40 years ---prior to being eligible for parole. Allows for the possibility of future release.

OPPOSE

SB 124 Hodge **Transfers of Colo TANF Reserves** **Governor**
(Oppose as introduced)

As introduced, would allow counties to retain up to 70% of their annual Temporary Assistance to Needy Families federal block grant in their County reserves, rather than the current cap of 30%. Opposition is requested on the basis that money sitting in reserves is not fulfilling its purpose of helping needy families in this time of growing childhood poverty, and large reserves could make it difficult to advocate for increasing the federal block grant during Federal TANF reauthorization. Counties argue that larger reserves are helpful for consistency of services. AS AMENDED: Would allow counties to retain up to 40% of their annual Temporary Assistance to Needy Families block grant in their County Reserves. Monies exceeding that reserve would be reallocated by the Works Allocation Committee (County Representatives) with payment to donor county by recipient county, rather than funds reverting to the State Long Term TANF reserve for reallocation by Legislators.

HB 1149 Acree **ID Verification of Lawful Presence** **House Second**

Would have required an individual applying for public benefits to show their actual social security card when applying for public benefits rather just giving their number to be crosscheck with their name and birthdate via computer. As amended, all references to public benefits have been eliminated. Requires employers to see documents to verify a person's identity upon hiring.

HB 1290 **Liston** **Deferred Deposit Loans Nonrefundable Origination Fee** **Senate Finance**

Changes the origination fee to a nonrefundable fee, greatly increasing costs for the borrower, particularly those who pay the loans off early. For example, for those who pay off the loan within 30 days, the APR changes from 86% to 289%.

SB 18 **Harvey** **Proof of Citizenship Voter Reg** **Postponed Indefinitely**

Requires proof of citizenship when registering to vote by providing a passport, birth certificate, naturalization document or its number or other document or method of proof of citizenship established by federal immigration law.

HB 1003 **Summers** **Definition of ID for Elections** **Postponed Indefinitely**

Requires the identification used for election-related purposes to be a valid, government issued form of ID with a photograph of the elector.

HB 1025 **Joshi** **Repeal the Hospital Provider Fee** **Postponed Indefinitely**

Would repeal the recently enacted hospital provider fees and cut eligibility level for child health plan from 225% of Federal Poverty Level to 205% of federal poverty level, among other things. Colorado would lose matching federal Medicaid funds.

HB 1049 **Barker** **Use of Personal Info to Defraud** **Postponed Indefinitely**

Would greatly increase penalties for someone using another's documents, whether knowingly or unknowingly.

HB 1058 **Pabon** **No Public Assistance at Strip Clubs** **Postponed Indefinitely**

Would block ATMs in strip clubs from allowing EBT –public benefits---withdrawals.

HB 1131 **Murray** **Mail Ballot Elections** **Postponed Indefinitely**

(Oppose as introduced) Would require Elections to be all mail ballots only.

HB 1140

Balmer

Strengthen Illegal Alien Law

Postponed Indefinitely

Communities could lose all state funding if they do not cooperative with the Secure Community Initiative. Under the federal initiative, those arrested have their fingerprints sent to ICE to be cross-checked against the ICE database. Individuals can be deported regardless of whether they are actually charged after arrest.

HB 1252

Holbert

Require Proof of Citizenship for Voter Reg

Senate State Affairs

Requires cross checking voter registration roles with other government databases. Authorizes the Secretary of State to require citizenship document within 90 days of anyone on the voter registration roles he suspects is not a citizen. Voting rights will be suspended until documentation is received and verified.