



Abuse of Youth in Custody Subcommittee

Colorado Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice

October 12, 2018



Colorado Commission on Criminal & Juvenile Justice

Abuse of Youth in Custody Subcommittee

MEMBERS

REPRESENTATIVE

Joe Thome, Chair (CCJJ)

Tony Gherardini (CCJJ)

Tom Raynes (CCJJ)

Blake Harrison

Tanya Wheeler

Effie Seibold

Carolyn Parker

Anders Jacobson

Gretchen Russo

Joseph Brozek

AGENCY

Division of Criminal Justice

CDHS representative

Colorado District Attorneys' Council

District Attorney's Office, 2nd Judicial District

Attorney General's Office

Public Defender's Office

Child Protection Ombudsman

CDHS, Division of Youth Services

CDHS, Judicial and Legislative Administrator

CDHS, Division of Child Welfare

(Institutional Abuse Review Team rep.)



Colorado Commission on Criminal & Juvenile Justice

Abuse of Youth in Custody Subcommittee

MANDATE

House Bill 18-1346

HB18-1346 directs the Colorado Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice to study whether there are gaps in existing criminal statutes concerning the issue of institutional child abuse for children and youth in facilities operated by the Department of Human Services. On or before July 1, 2019, the Commission shall provide a report with its findings and recommendations to the General Assembly.



Colorado Commission on Criminal & Juvenile Justice

Abuse of Youth in Custody Subcommittee

UPDATE

- First meeting held September 27, 2018
- Outcomes/Identified Issues:
 - Inability to investigate allegations of child abuse/neglect of youth 18-21 years old in the custody of CDHS because they are not a child (by statute)
 - Mandated reporters of child abuse/neglect are not required to report when youth is 18 and older
 - Offense of *child abuse by a person in a position of trust* requires review
 - A myriad of serious problems with the state personnel system were identified – but determined to be outside the scope of work



Colorado Commission on Criminal & Juvenile Justice

Abuse of Youth in Custody Subcommittee

MEETING SCHEDULE

- Next meeting dates: October 18, 2018 and November 15, 2018
- Subcommittee schedule:

October 2018 - March 2019 - Legal/statutory analysis and monthly Subcommittee mtgs.
April 15, 2019 - Draft report for Subcommittee review
April 30, 2019 - Draft report completed
May 10, 2019 - Present preview of findings to CCJJ
May 30, 2019 - Subcommittee finalizes report
June 14, 2019 - Final report presented to CCJJ
June 30, 2019 - Report completed and submitted to the General Assembly



Colorado Commission on Criminal & Juvenile Justice

Abuse of Youth in Custody Subcommittee

Questions?