



Colorado Department of Public Safety

**SB 17-201 Domestic Violence Offender Management Board Sunset  
(Cooke & Fields)**

**Board Overview:**

The Domestic Violence Offender Management Board (DVOMB) is a 19 member policy board that is tasked with developing and maintaining the treatment standards for convicted domestic violence offenders and approving providers to evaluate and treat offenders. The goals of the DVOMB are to improve the effectiveness and consistency of treatment, reduce recidivism, and protect victims.

Treatment standards are designed to enhance victim and community safety, contain offenders, promote offender accountability, and provide an opportunity for offenders to eliminate violent behavior in all forms. Treatment standards advance with research and use a coordinated community response to domestic violence offenders that is inclusive of the criminal justice system, treatment providers, non-profit victims services, and the local community.

• **Recent DVOMB Accomplishments:**

- The DVOMB currently has 201 approved treatment providers statewide
- Between FY10-15 the DVOMB:
  - Approved 143 applications and denied 15 applications for listing
  - Delisted 11 providers due to noncompliance with the standards or as a result of substantiated complaints through the Department of Regulatory Agencies (DORA)
  - Sponsored 143 training events delivered to 2567 criminal justice professionals
- Revised the Standards in 2010 to more closely align with evidence- and research based practices and is nationally recognized as a leader in the field of domestic violence
- Conducted a statewide analysis of the implementation of the Standards and initiated a validation study of the Domestic Violence Risk and Needs Assessment (DVRNA).

• **Changes the Bill Makes:**

- Continues the DVOMB for five years until 2022
- Amends the qualifications and of the mental health professionals serving on the DVOMB to repeal the profession-specific limitations and require that three of the five be licensed, three of the five be approved treatment providers, and the remaining two have experience in the field of domestic violence
- Authorizes the DVOMB to directly elect its presiding officer
- Repeals the requirement that DORA play an active role in (1) the provider approval process, (2) the publication of the approved treatment providers list and (3) in the enforcement of continuing education requirements
- Repeals language pertaining to initial appointments of DVOMB members