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House Committees

Education
Appropriations

Senate Committees

A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING A COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW OF THE STATE'S**
102 **EDUCATIONAL DATA INFRASTRUCTURE.**

Bill Summary

(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not necessarily reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted.)

Authorizes the department of education ("department") to contract with a third party to conduct a comprehensive review and study ("study") of the state's educational data collections and infrastructure. Requires the third party to begin the study no later than July 1, 2007, and to complete the study no later than December 1, 2007. Requires the third party to report its findings and recommendations to the state board of education ("state board"). Requires the state board to report the third party's

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.
*Capital letters indicate new material to be added to existing statute.
Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.*

findings to the education committees of the house of representatives and senate. Requires the state board to seek legislation or budget requests in future legislative sessions if necessary to implement the recommendations of the study.

Repeals the act, effective July 1, 2008.

Makes an appropriation.

1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

2 **SECTION 1. Legislative declaration.** The general assembly and
3 the state board of education recognize that data-based decision making,
4 as well as efficiency in the collection and reporting of education data, is
5 of the utmost importance to the state department of education as well as
6 Colorado's one hundred seventy-eight school districts. The general
7 assembly and the state board of education also recognize the need for a
8 comprehensive review and study of Colorado's educational data systems
9 within the state department and the school districts. This comprehensive
10 review and study can best be accomplished by a third-party reviewer. The
11 general assembly further finds that the comprehensive review and study
12 of Colorado's educational data systems should include information on the
13 requirements and ease with which existing data is collected, the hardware
14 and software being used at the local and state levels, and the capability of
15 school districts to share data with each other and to better access
16 appropriate state-level data.

17 **SECTION 2.** Article 2 of title 22, Colorado Revised Statutes, is
18 amended BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION to read:

19 **22-2-129. Data technology system - comprehensive review -**
20 **requirements - report - repeal.** (1) THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FINDS AND
21 DECLARES THAT, FOR PURPOSES OF SECTION 17 OF ARTICLE IX OF THE
22 STATE CONSTITUTION, THE COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW AND STUDY OF

1 STATEWIDE DATA COLLECTIONS AND INFRASTRUCTURE PURSUANT TO THIS
2 SECTION IS AN IMPORTANT ELEMENT OF ACCOUNTABILITY REPORTING AND
3 MAY THEREFORE RECEIVE FUNDING FROM THE STATE EDUCATION FUND
4 CREATED IN SECTION 17 (4) OF ARTICLE IX OF THE STATE CONSTITUTION.

5 (2) AS USED IN THIS SECTION, UNLESS THE CONTEXT OTHERWISE
6 REQUIRES, "CURRENT DATA TECHNOLOGY SYSTEM" MEANS THE DATA
7 TECHNOLOGY SYSTEM OR SYSTEMS IN USE BY THE DEPARTMENT AS OF THE
8 EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS SECTION.

9 (3) BEGINNING JULY 1, 2008, THE OFFICE OF INFORMATION
10 TECHNOLOGY, CREATED IN THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR PURSUANT TO
11 SECTION 24-37.5-103, C.R.S., SHALL ISSUE SHALL ISSUE A REQUEST FOR
12 PROPOSALS FOR A COMPREHENSIVE ASSESSMENT OF THE DEPARTMENT'S
13 CURRENT DATA TECHNOLOGY SYSTEM. THE ASSESSMENT SHALL PROVIDE
14 A BASELINE INDICATING THE CURRENT DATA TECHNOLOGY SYSTEM'S
15 CAPABILITIES AND SHALL CLEARLY IDENTIFY THE SPECIFIC AREAS IN NEED
16 OF IMPROVEMENT. AT A MINIMUM, THE ASSESSMENT SHALL INCLUDE THE
17 FOLLOWING:

18 (a) A SURVEY OF A SAMPLING OF SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND PUBLIC
19 SCHOOLS, INCLUDING URBAN AND RURAL SCHOOL DISTRICTS; SMALL,
20 MEDIUM, AND LARGE SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND PUBLIC SCHOOLS; VENDORS
21 OF DISTRICT INFORMATION MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS; AND OTHERS WHO USE
22 THE CURRENT DATA TECHNOLOGY SYSTEM;

23 (b) A DETERMINATION OF THE STATUS OF THE INTEROPERABILITY
24 FRAMEWORK OF DATABASES FOR APPLICABILITY TO A STATEWIDE
25 AUTOMATED TRANSACTIONAL DATA EXCHANGE SYSTEM; AND

26 (c) ASSESSMENT OF THE DATA CAPACITIES, REPORTING ACCESS,
27 AND DATA EXCHANGE SYSTEMS WITHIN THE CURRENT DATA TECHNOLOGY

1 SYSTEM.

2 (4) THE REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS SHALL REQUIRE THE
3 CONTRACTOR THAT THE OFFICE OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY, CREATED
4 IN THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR PURSUANT TO SECTION 24-37.5-103,
5 C.R.S., SELECTS TO PERFORM THE ASSESSMENT TO INCLUDE A REVIEW
6 THAT EXAMINES AND ADDRESSES THE FOLLOWING ISSUES AND AREAS AS
7 THEY APPLY TO THE CURRENT DATA TECHNOLOGY SYSTEM:

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9 (a) THE SERVICES, APPLICATIONS, ARCHITECTURE, AND
10 RESOURCES; AND

11 (b) A CUSTOMER SERVICE SURVEY OF A SAMPLING OF SCHOOL
12 DISTRICTS AND PUBLIC SCHOOLS, INCLUDING URBAN AND RURAL
13 DISTRICTS, AND SMALL, MEDIUM, AND LARGE SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND
14 PUBLIC SCHOOLS. THE SURVEY SHALL ADDRESS DATA SUPPORT,
15 COMPATIBILITY, AND CONCERNS FROM SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND PUBLIC
16 SCHOOLS ABOUT THE CURRENT DATA TECHNOLOGY SYSTEM AND
17 PRACTICES.

18 (5) THE FINAL ASSESSMENT REPORT FROM THE CONTRACTOR
19 SHALL IDENTIFY:

20 (a) ANY DUPLICATION OF EFFORT, SERVICES, OR RESOURCES;

21 (b) INEFFICIENCIES AND COSTLY REDUNDANCIES WITHIN THE
22 CURRENT DATA TECHNOLOGY SYSTEM; AND

23 (c) THE ELIMINATION OF INCOMPATIBLE STANDARDS AND
24 ARCHITECTURES.

25 (6) ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 1, 2008, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL
26 REPORT THE FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE ASSESSMENT
27 COMPLETED PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION TO THE STATE BOARD; THE

1 EDUCATION COMMITTEES OF THE SENATE AND HOUSE OF
2 REPRESENTATIVES, OR ANY SUCCESSOR COMMITTEES; THE GOVERNOR;
3 SCHOOL DISTRICTS; THE EDUCATIONAL DATA ADVISORY COMMITTEE
4 CREATED IN SECTION 22-2-116; AND THE STATE CHARTER SCHOOL
5 INSTITUTE. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ALSO MAKE THE REPORT AVAILABLE
6 TO THE PUBLIC. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL INCLUDE WITH THE FINDINGS
7 AND [REDACTED] RESPONSES TO THE ISSUES IDENTIFIED IN THE ASSESSMENT AND
8 POTENTIAL SOLUTIONS OR RECOMMENDATIONS CONCERNING THE
9 FINDINGS.

10 (7) THIS SECTION IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2009.

11 [REDACTED]

12 **SECTION 3.** 24-37.5-105, Colorado Revised Statutes, is
13 amended BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SUBSECTION to read:

14 **24-37.5-105. Office - responsibilities - repeal.** (8) (a) IN
15 PRESENTING THE BUDGET REQUEST FOR THE OFFICE OF INFORMATION
16 TECHNOLOGY TO THE JOINT BUDGET COMMITTEE OF THE GENERAL
17 ASSEMBLY FOR THE 2008-09 FISCAL YEAR, THE OFFICE SHALL REQUEST
18 FUNDING TO CONDUCT A COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW AND STUDY OF
19 STATEWIDE DATA COLLECTIONS AND INFRASTRUCTURE PURSUANT TO
20 SECTION 22-2-129, AS IT WILL TAKE EFFECT JULY 1, 2008, AND IDENTIFY
21 APPROPRIATE FUNDING SOURCES.

22 (b) THIS SUBSECTION (8) IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2008.

23 **SECTION 4. Effective date.** This act shall take effect July 1,
24 2008.