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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING A COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW OF THE STATE'S  
102 EDUCATIONAL DATA INFRASTRUCTURE, AND MAKING AN  
103 APPROPRIATION THEREFOR.

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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

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.*

("state board"). Requires the state board to report the third party's 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.

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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 will require focus and full-time attention to provide  
11 recommendations and proposed solutions that are timely and reflective of  
12 the needs of all parties involved and can best be accomplished by a  
13 third-party reviewer. The general assembly further finds that the  
14 comprehensive review and study of Colorado's educational data systems  
15 should include information on the requirements and ease with which  
16 existing data is collected, the hardware and software being used at the  
17 local and state levels, and the capability of school districts to share data  
18 with each other and to better access appropriate state-level data.

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

21           **22-2-129. Department of education - comprehensive review**  
22 **and study of statewide data collections and infrastructure - reporting**

1     **requirements - repeal.** (1) THE DEPARTMENT IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED  
2     TO CONTRACT WITH A THIRD PARTY TO CONDUCT A COMPREHENSIVE  
3     REVIEW AND STUDY TO ASSESS THE CURRENT CONDITION OF THE STATE'S  
4     EDUCATIONAL DATA COLLECTIONS AND INFRASTRUCTURE. THE  
5     COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW AND STUDY SHALL INCLUDE, BUT NEED NOT BE  
6     LIMITED TO, AN ASSESSMENT OF HARDWARE, SOFTWARE, TYPES OF DATA,  
7     NEEDS OF STAKEHOLDERS, AND CURRENT DATA SYSTEMS IN PLACE AT THE  
8     LOCAL AND STATE LEVELS. IN CONDUCTING THE COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW  
9     AND STUDY, THE THIRD PARTY CONTRACTOR SHALL SEEK INPUT FROM  
10    STAKEHOLDERS, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO SCHOOL DISTRICTS,  
11    HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS, THE DEPARTMENT, AND QUALIFIED  
12    RESEARCHERS.

13           (2) ON OR BEFORE JULY 1, 2007, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ENTER  
14    INTO A CONTRACT WITH A THIRD PARTY CONTRACTOR TO PERFORM THE  
15    COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW AND STUDY. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL AWARD  
16    THE CONTRACT BASED ON A COMPETITIVE BID; EXCEPT THAT THE  
17    PROVISIONS OF THE "PROCUREMENT CODE", ARTICLES 101 TO 112 OF  
18    TITLE 24, C.R.S., SHALL NOT APPLY TO THE CONTRACT. THE THIRD PARTY  
19    CONTRACTOR SHALL COMPLETE THE COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW AND STUDY  
20    ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 1, 2007, AND PRESENT ITS FINDINGS AND  
21    RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE STATE BOARD ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 30,  
22    2007.

23           (3) ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 30, 2008, THE STATE BOARD SHALL  
24    MAKE A REPORT OF THE FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE  
25    COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW AND STUDY TO THE EDUCATION COMMITTEES OF  
26    THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND THE SENATE, OR ANY SUCCESSOR  
27    COMMITTEES, AND TO THE JOINT BUDGET COMMITTEE.

1           (4) IN MAKING THE REPORT, THE STATE BOARD SHALL INCLUDE  
2 ANY RECOMMENDED LEGISLATIVE CHANGES AND BUDGET REQUESTS  
3 ARISING FROM THE RECOMMENDATIONS IN THE COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW  
4 AND STUDY.

5           (5) THIS SECTION IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2008.

6           **SECTION 3. Appropriation.** In addition to any other  
7 appropriation, there is hereby appropriated, out of any moneys in the  
8 general fund not otherwise appropriated, to the department of education,  
9 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2007, the sum of one hundred  
10 thousand dollars (\$100,000), or so much thereof as may be necessary, for  
11 the implementation of this act.

12           **SECTION 4. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,  
13 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate  
14 preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.