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**HOUSE BILL 07-1270**

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**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.*

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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 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 A REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS  
12 FOR A COMPREHENSIVE ASSESSMENT OF THE DEPARTMENT'S CURRENT  
13 DATA TECHNOLOGY SYSTEM. THE ASSESSMENT SHALL BE PERFORMED  
14 SUBJECT TO AVAILABLE APPROPRIATIONS AND SHALL PROVIDE A BASELINE  
15 INDICATING THE CURRENT DATA TECHNOLOGY SYSTEM'S CAPABILITIES  
16 AND SHALL CLEARLY IDENTIFY THE SPECIFIC AREAS IN NEED OF  
17 IMPROVEMENT. AT A MINIMUM, THE ASSESSMENT SHALL INCLUDE THE  
18 FOLLOWING:

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

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

27 (c) ASSESSMENT OF THE DATA CAPACITIES, REPORTING ACCESS,

1 AND DATA EXCHANGE SYSTEMS WITHIN THE CURRENT DATA TECHNOLOGY  
2 SYSTEM.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

26 (6) ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 1, 2008, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL  
27 REPORT THE FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE ASSESSMENT

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

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

12 [REDACTED]

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

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

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

24 **SECTION 4. Effective date.** This act shall take effect at 12:01  
25 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the ninety-day period after  
26 final adjournment of the general assembly that is allowed for submitting  
27 a referendum petition pursuant to article V, section 1 (3) of the state

1 constitution, (August 8, 2007, if adjournment sine die is on May 9, 2007);  
2 except that, if a referendum petition is filed against this act or an item,  
3 section, or part of this act within such period, then the act, item, section,  
4 or part, if approved by the people, shall take effect on the date of the  
5 official declaration of the vote thereon by proclamation of the governor.