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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.**

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.
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("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.

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) AS USED IN THIS SECTION,
21 UNLESS THE CONTEXT OTHERWISE REQUIRES, "CURRENT DATA
22 TECHNOLOGY SYSTEM" MEANS THE DATA TECHNOLOGY SYSTEM OR

1 SYSTEMS IN USE BY THE DEPARTMENT AS OF THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS
2 SECTION.

3 (2) WITHIN SIXTY DAYS AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS
4 SECTION, THE OFFICE OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY, CREATED IN THE
5 OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR PURSUANT TO SECTION 24-37.5-103, C.R.S.,
6 SHALL ISSUE A REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR A COMPREHENSIVE
7 ASSESSMENT OF THE DEPARTMENT'S CURRENT DATA TECHNOLOGY
8 SYSTEM. THE ASSESSMENT SHALL BE PERFORMED SUBJECT TO AVAILABLE
9 APPROPRIATIONS AND SHALL PROVIDE A BASELINE INDICATING THE
10 CURRENT DATA TECHNOLOGY SYSTEM'S CAPABILITIES AND SHALL
11 CLEARLY IDENTIFY THE SPECIFIC AREAS IN NEED OF IMPROVEMENT. AT A
12 MINIMUM, THE ASSESSMENT SHALL INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:

13 (a) A SURVEY OF A SAMPLING OF SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND PUBLIC
14 SCHOOLS, INCLUDING URBAN AND RURAL SCHOOL DISTRICTS; SMALL,
15 MEDIUM, AND LARGE SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND PUBLIC SCHOOLS; VENDORS
16 OF DISTRICT INFORMATION MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS; AND OTHERS WHO USE
17 THE CURRENT DATA TECHNOLOGY SYSTEM;

18 (b) A DETERMINATION OF THE STATUS OF THE INTEROPERABILITY
19 FRAMEWORK OF DATABASES FOR APPLICABILITY TO A STATEWIDE
20 AUTOMATED TRANSACTIONAL DATA EXCHANGE SYSTEM; AND

21 (c) ASSESSMENT OF THE DATA CAPACITIES, REPORTING ACCESS,
22 AND DATA EXCHANGE SYSTEMS WITHIN THE CURRENT DATA TECHNOLOGY
23 SYSTEM.

24 (3) THE REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS SHALL REQUIRE THE
25 CONTRACTOR THAT THE OFFICE OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY, CREATED
26 IN THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR PURSUANT TO SECTION 24-37.5-103,
27 C.R.S., SELECTS TO PERFORM THE ASSESSMENT TO INCLUDE A REVIEW

1 THAT EXAMINES AND ADDRESSES THE FOLLOWING ISSUES AND AREAS AS
2 THEY APPLY TO THE CURRENT DATA TECHNOLOGY SYSTEM:

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4 (a) THE SERVICES, APPLICATIONS, ARCHITECTURE, AND
5 RESOURCES; AND

6 (b) A CUSTOMER SERVICE SURVEY OF A SAMPLING OF SCHOOL
7 DISTRICTS AND PUBLIC SCHOOLS, INCLUDING URBAN AND RURAL
8 DISTRICTS, AND SMALL, MEDIUM, AND LARGE SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND
9 PUBLIC SCHOOLS. THE SURVEY SHALL ADDRESS DATA SUPPORT,
10 COMPATIBILITY, AND CONCERNS FROM SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND PUBLIC
11 SCHOOLS ABOUT THE CURRENT DATA TECHNOLOGY SYSTEM AND
12 PRACTICES.

13 (4) THE FINAL ASSESSMENT REPORT FROM THE CONTRACTOR
14 SHALL IDENTIFY:

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

16 (b) INEFFICIENCIES AND COSTLY REDUNDANCIES WITHIN THE
17 CURRENT DATA TECHNOLOGY SYSTEM; AND

18 (c) THE ELIMINATION OF INCOMPATIBLE STANDARDS AND
19 ARCHITECTURES.

20 (5) ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 1, 2007, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL
21 REPORT THE FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE ASSESSMENT
22 COMPLETED PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION TO THE STATE BOARD; THE
23 EDUCATION COMMITTEES OF THE SENATE AND HOUSE OF
24 REPRESENTATIVES, OR ANY SUCCESSOR COMMITTEES; THE GOVERNOR;
25 SCHOOL DISTRICTS; THE EDUCATIONAL DATA ADVISORY COMMITTEE
26 CREATED IN SECTION 22-2-116; AND THE STATE CHARTER SCHOOL
27 INSTITUTE. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ALSO MAKE THE REPORT AVAILABLE

1 TO THE PUBLIC. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL INCLUDE WITH THE FINDINGS
2 AND [REDACTED] RESPONSES TO THE ISSUES IDENTIFIED IN THE ASSESSMENT AND
3 POTENTIAL SOLUTIONS OR RECOMMENDATIONS CONCERNING THE
4 FINDINGS.

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

6 [REDACTED]

7 SECTION 3. 22-54-114, Colorado Revised Statutes, is amended
8 BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SUBSECTION to read:

9 22-54-114. State public school fund. (5) (a) FOR THE 2007-08
10 BUDGET YEAR, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY MAY APPROPRIATE MONEYS FROM
11 THE STATE PUBLIC SCHOOL FUND TO THE OFFICE OF INFORMATION
12 TECHNOLOGY CREATED IN THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR PURSUANT TO
13 SECTION 24-37.5-103, C.R.S., FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF SECTION
14 22-2-129.

15 (b) THIS SUBSECTION (5) IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2008.

16 SECTION 3. Appropriation. In addition to any other
17 appropriation, there is hereby appropriated, out of any moneys in the state
18 public school fund created in section 22-54-114, Colorado Revised
19 Statutes, not otherwise appropriated, to the office of the governor, for
20 allocation to the office of information technology, for the fiscal year
21 beginning July 1, 2007, the sum of one hundred fifty thousand dollars
22 (\$150,000), or so much thereof as may be necessary, for the
23 implementation of this act. Said amount shall be from moneys recovered
24 from overpayments to school districts or the state charter school institute
25 pursuant to section 22-54-114 (4), Colorado Revised Statutes.

26 SECTION 4. Effective date. This act shall take effect July 1,
27 2007.

1 **SECTION 5. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,
2 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate
3 preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.