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**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

101 **CONCERNING MEASURES TO INCREASE PARENT INVOLVEMENT IN**  
102 **PUBLIC EDUCATION.**

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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.)*

**Colorado state advisory council for parent involvement in education:** Creates the state advisory council for parent involvement in education (council) in the department of education (department). Specifies the council membership. Directs the council to advise public education entities concerning best practices and strategies, aligned with national standards, for increasing parent involvement in public education and promoting family and school partnerships. Creates the parent

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.  
*Capital letters indicate new material to be added to existing statute.*  
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involvement in education grant program (program) to provide moneys to public schools to create and implement programs to increase parent involvement in public education. Directs the state board of education (state board) to adopt rules to implement the program. Specifies eligibility criteria for applicants. Directs the council to review applications and make recommendations to the state board for awarding grants. Requires the state board, subject to available appropriations, to award grants, and creates the parent involvement grant program fund (fund) for payment of grants. Allows appropriation of state education moneys to the fund. Requires recipient schools to report the success of grant-funded programs, and directs the council to submit a summary report to the state board and the education committees of the general assembly. Repeals the council and the grant program following sunset review.

**School district accountability committees and school advisory councils:** Allows for an increase in the number of persons serving on a school district accountability committee (committee), but requires a specified percentage of parent representation. Directs each school district, to the extent practicable, to ensure that the parents serving on the committee reflect the student groups significantly represented within the population of students enrolled in the school district.

Changes the name of school advisory councils to school accountability committees (accountability committee). Allows for an increase in the number of persons serving on an accountability committee, but requires a specific percentage of parent representation. Directs the principal of each school, to the extent practicable, to ensure that the parents serving on the accountability committee reflect the student groups significantly represented within the population of students enrolled in the school. Specifies that each district and state charter school shall have an accountability committee and that the school's governing board cannot substitute for an accountability committee. Prohibits waiver of the accountability committee requirement for charter schools, and makes failure to institute an accountability committee grounds for revocation of a charter.

**Addition of parent members to selected committees.** Requires at least one parent to be appointed to each of the following boards: The school leadership academy board, district and institute charter school governing boards, each of the regional service area councils, the state charter school institute board, the board of trustees for the Colorado school for the deaf and the blind, and the advisory committee to the Colorado commission on higher education.

Makes conforming amendments.



1 PROFESSIONALS AT THEIR SCHOOLS COLLABORATE TO BRIDGE THE GAP  
2 BETWEEN THE CULTURE AT HOME AND THAT AT THE SCHOOL; AND

3 (e) SECONDARY STUDENTS WHOSE PARENTS ARE INVOLVED WITH  
4 THEIR SCHOOLS MAKE BETTER TRANSITIONS INTO POSTSECONDARY  
5 EDUCATION, MAINTAIN THE QUALITY OF THEIR ACADEMIC WORK, AND ARE  
6 MORE LIKE TO DEVELOP REALISTIC PLANS FOR THEIR FUTURES.

7 (2) THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY THEREFORE FINDS THAT IT IS IN THE  
8 BEST INTERESTS OF THE STATE TO CREATE A STATE ADVISORY COUNCIL  
9 FOR PARENT INVOLVEMENT IN EDUCATION THAT WILL REVIEW BEST  
10 PRACTICES AND RECOMMEND TO POLICY MAKERS AND EDUCATORS  
11 STRATEGIES TO INCREASE PARENT INVOLVEMENT IN PUBLIC EDUCATION,  
12 THEREBY HELPING TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF PUBLIC EDUCATION AND  
13 RAISE THE LEVEL OF STUDENTS' ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT THROUGHOUT  
14 THE STATE.

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16 **22-7-302. Definitions.** AS USED IN THIS PART 3, UNLESS THE  
17 CONTEXT OTHERWISE REQUIRES:

18 (1) "CHARTER SCHOOL" MEANS A CHARTER SCHOOL AUTHORIZED  
19 BY A SCHOOL DISTRICT PURSUANT TO PART 1 OF ARTICLE 30.5 OF THIS  
20 TITLE OR A CHARTER SCHOOL AUTHORIZED BY THE STATE CHARTER  
21 SCHOOL INSTITUTE PURSUANT TO PART 5 OF ARTICLE 30.5 OF THIS TITLE.

22 (2) "CLOSE THE ACHIEVEMENT GAP" MEANS TO LESSEN THE  
23 VARIANCE IN ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT AMONG STUDENT GROUPS, AS  
24 REFLECTED IN STATEWIDE ASSESSMENT SCORES OR PERFORMANCE ON  
25 POSTSECONDARY AND WORKFORCE READINESS ASSESSMENTS, BY  
26 IMPROVING THE ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT OF STUDENTS IN THOSE GROUPS  
27 THAT ARE UNDERPERFORMING.

1 (3) "COUNCIL" MEANS THE COLORADO STATE ADVISORY COUNCIL  
2 FOR PARENT INVOLVEMENT IN EDUCATION CREATED IN SECTION 22-7-303.

3 (4) "DEPARTMENT" MEANS THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION  
4 CREATED AND EXISTING PURSUANT TO SECTION 24-1-115, C.R.S.

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6 (5) "NATIONAL STANDARDS FOR FAMILY-SCHOOL PARTNERSHIPS"  
7 MEANS THE FOLLOWING RESEARCH-BASED STANDARDS FOR  
8 FAMILY-SCHOOL PARTNERSHIPS RECOGNIZED NATIONALLY BY PARENT  
9 TEACHER ASSOCIATIONS:

10 (a) FAMILIES ARE ACTIVE PARTICIPANTS IN THE LIFE OF THE  
11 SCHOOL AND FEEL WELCOMED, VALUED, AND CONNECTED TO EACH OTHER,  
12 TO SCHOOL STAFF, AND TO WHAT STUDENTS ARE LEARNING AND DOING IN  
13 THE CLASSROOM;

14 (b) FAMILIES AND SCHOOL STAFF ENGAGE IN REGULAR,  
15 MEANINGFUL COMMUNICATION ABOUT STUDENT LEARNING;

16 (c) FAMILIES AND SCHOOL STAFF CONTINUOUSLY COLLABORATE  
17 TO SUPPORT STUDENTS' LEARNING AND HEALTHY DEVELOPMENT BOTH AT  
18 HOME AND AT SCHOOL AND HAVE REGULAR OPPORTUNITIES TO  
19 STRENGTHEN THEIR KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS TO PROVIDE SAID SUPPORT  
20 EFFECTIVELY;

21 (d) FAMILIES ARE EMPOWERED TO BE ADVOCATES FOR THEIR OWN  
22 AND OTHER CHILDREN TO ENSURE THAT STUDENTS ARE TREATED FAIRLY  
23 AND HAVE ACCESS TO LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES THAT WILL SUPPORT  
24 THEIR SUCCESS;

25 (e) FAMILIES AND SCHOOL STAFF ARE EQUAL PARTNERS IN  
26 DECISIONS THAT AFFECT CHILDREN AND FAMILIES AND TOGETHER INFORM,  
27 INFLUENCE, AND CREATE POLICIES, PRACTICES, AND PROGRAMS; AND

1 (f) FAMILIES AND SCHOOL STAFF COLLABORATE WITH COMMUNITY  
2 MEMBERS TO CONNECT STUDENTS, FAMILIES, AND STAFF TO EXPANDED  
3 LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES, COMMUNITY SERVICES, AND CIVIC  
4 PARTICIPATION.

5 (6) "PARENT" MEANS A CHILD'S BIOLOGICAL PARENT, ADOPTIVE  
6 PARENT, OR LEGAL GUARDIAN OR ANOTHER ADULT PERSON RECOGNIZED  
7 BY THE CHILD'S SCHOOL AS THE CHILD'S PRIMARY CAREGIVER.

8 (7) "PARENT EDUCATION PROGRAM" MEANS A PROGRAM TO TEACH  
9 PARENTS STRATEGIES AND SKILLS FOR WORKING WITH THEIR CHILDREN  
10 AND THE STAFF OF THE SCHOOLS AND INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION  
11 IN WHICH THEIR CHILDREN ARE ENROLLED.

12 (8) "PARENT INVOLVEMENT GRANT PROGRAM" MEANS THE PARENT  
13 INVOLVEMENT IN EDUCATION GRANT PROGRAM CREATED IN SECTION  
14 22-7-305.

15 (9) "SCHOOL-BASED PARENT INFORMATION RESOURCE CENTER"  
16 MEANS A CENTER THAT PROVIDES TO PARENTS INFORMATION ON  
17 EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES FOR THEIR CHILDREN, TRAINING FOR PARENTS  
18 AND FAMILIES ON EDUCATION ISSUES, AND OTHER SUPPORT SERVICES THAT  
19 MAY BE AVAILABLE TO PARENTS, SUCH AS MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES,  
20 SOCIAL SERVICES, AND HOUSING REFERRALS.

21 (10) "STATE BOARD" MEANS THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
22 CREATED AND EXISTING PURSUANT TO SECTION 1 OF ARTICLE IX OF THE  
23 STATE CONSTITUTION.

24 **22-7-303. Colorado state advisory council for parent**  
25 **involvement in education - created - membership.** (1) THERE IS  
26 HEREBY CREATED WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION THE  
27 COLORADO STATE ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR PARENT INVOLVEMENT IN

1 EDUCATION. THE COUNCIL SHALL CONSIST OF MEMBERS APPOINTED AS  
2 PROVIDED IN THIS SECTION AND SHALL HAVE THE POWERS AND DUTIES  
3 SPECIFIED IN THIS PART 3. THE COUNCIL SHALL EXERCISE ITS POWERS AND  
4 PERFORM ITS DUTIES AND FUNCTIONS UNDER THE DEPARTMENT, THE  
5 COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION, AND THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION AS  
6 IF THE SAME WERE TRANSFERRED TO THE DEPARTMENT BY A **TYPE 2**  
7 TRANSFER AS DEFINED IN THE "ADMINISTRATIVE ORGANIZATION ACT OF  
8 1968", ARTICLE 1 OF TITLE 24, C.R.S.

9 (2) THE COUNCIL SHALL CONSIST OF THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS:

10 (a) THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS APPOINTED BY THE STATE BOARD:

11 (I) FIVE PERSONS WHO ARE PARENTS OF CHILDREN ENROLLED IN A  
12 PUBLICLY FUNDED PRESCHOOL PROGRAM, IN ANY OF GRADES ONE  
13 THROUGH TWELVE, OR IN A STATE-SUPPORTED INSTITUTION OF HIGHER  
14 EDUCATION;

15 (II) A REPRESENTATIVE FROM EACH OF THE PARENT INFORMATION  
16 AND RESOURCE CENTERS IN THE STATE THAT ARE RECOGNIZED BY AND  
17 RECEIVING FUNDING FROM THE OFFICE OF INNOVATION AND IMPROVEMENT  
18 IN THE FEDERAL DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION;

19 (III) A REPRESENTATIVE FROM EACH OF THE PARENT TRAINING  
20 AND INFORMATION CENTERS IN THE STATE THAT ARE RECOGNIZED BY AND  
21 RECEIVING FUNDING FROM THE OFFICE OF SPECIAL EDUCATION AND  
22 REHABILITATIVE SERVICES IN THE FEDERAL DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION;

23 (IV) A REPRESENTATIVE FROM EACH OF TWO NONPROFIT  
24 ORGANIZATIONS THAT PARTNER WITH FUNDING PROVIDERS, STATE  
25 AGENCIES, AND SERVICE PROVIDERS TO ASSIST ORGANIZATIONS IN  
26 PROVIDING SERVICES TO IMPROVE THE HEALTH AND WELL-BEING OF  
27 FAMILIES AND CHILDREN;

1 (V) A REPRESENTATIVE OF A STATEWIDE ORGANIZATION OF  
2 PARENTS AND TEACHERS;

3 (VI) A REPRESENTATIVE OF AN ORGANIZATION THAT REPRESENTS  
4 PARENTS AND STUDENTS WHO ADVOCATE IN THE AREAS OF EQUALITY AND  
5 JUSTICE IN EDUCATION, RACIAL JUSTICE FOR YOUTH, AND IMMIGRANT  
6 RIGHTS;

7 (VII) A REPRESENTATIVE OF A STATEWIDE ORGANIZATION THAT  
8 REPRESENTS SCHOOL EXECUTIVES;

9 (VIII) A REPRESENTATIVE OF A STATEWIDE ORGANIZATION THAT  
10 REPRESENTS MEMBERS OF SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARDS OF EDUCATION;

11 (IX) A REPRESENTATIVE OF A STATEWIDE ORGANIZATION THAT  
12 REPRESENTS TEACHERS;

13 (X) A REPRESENTATIVE OF A STATEWIDE ORGANIZATION THAT  
14 REPRESENTS CHARTER SCHOOLS;

15 (XI) A REPRESENTATIVE OF A STATEWIDE ORGANIZATION THAT  
16 REPRESENTS CAREER AND COLLEGE GUIDANCE COUNSELORS; ==

17 (XII) A REPRESENTATIVE OF A STATEWIDE ORGANIZATION THAT  
18 REPRESENTS CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION TEACHERS; AND

19 (XIII) A PERSON WITH EXPERTISE IN EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE AND  
20 EDUCATION; AND

21 (b) ONE OR MORE REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF  
22 EDUCATION, APPOINTED BY THE COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION, WITH  
23 EXPERTISE IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS:

24 (I) STRATEGIES TO CLOSE THE ACHIEVEMENT GAP;

25 (II) THE PROGRAM FOR THE EDUCATION OF MIGRANT CHILDREN  
26 DESCRIBED IN ARTICLE 23 OF THIS TITLE;

27 (III) THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY PROGRAM DESCRIBED

1 IN ARTICLE 24 OF THIS TITLE;  
2 (IV) FEDERAL TITLE I PROGRAMS;  
3 (V) THE EDUCATION OF EXCEPTIONAL CHILDREN, AS DEFINED IN  
4 SECTION 22-20-103 (12); AND  
5 (VI) THE FAMILY LITERACY EDUCATION GRANT PROGRAM  
6 CREATED IN SECTION 22-2-124;  
7 (c) A REPRESENTATIVE APPOINTED BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR  
8 OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION WITH EXPERTISE IN THE  
9 SECONDARY-TO-HIGHER-EDUCATION TRANSITION PROGRAMS OPERATED  
10 WITHIN THE STATE; AND  
11 (d) A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES  
12 APPOINTED BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF SAID DEPARTMENT.

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14 (3) (a) A PERSON MAY NOT BE APPOINTED TO FILL MORE THAN ONE  
15 OF THE MEMBER POSITIONS REQUIRED IN SUBSECTION (2) OF THIS SECTION  
16 IN A SINGLE TERM. EACH APPOINTING AUTHORITY SHALL MAKE ITS INITIAL  
17 APPOINTMENTS ON OR BEFORE OCTOBER 1, 2009. EACH MEMBER OF THE  
18 COUNCIL SHALL SERVE AT THE PLEASURE OF THE MEMBER'S APPOINTING  
19 AUTHORITY. THE APPROPRIATE APPOINTING AUTHORITY SHALL FILL ANY  
20 VACANCIES ARISING DURING A MEMBER'S TERM ON THE COUNCIL.

21 (b) THE STATE BOARD, IN APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE COUNCIL,  
22 SHALL, TO THE EXTENT PRACTICABLE, SELECT PERSONS WHO WILL REFLECT  
23 THE GENDER BALANCE AND ETHNIC AND RACIAL DIVERSITY OF THE STATE  
24 AND WILL PROVIDE REPRESENTATION FROM THROUGHOUT THE STATE.

25 (4) THE COUNCIL MEMBERS APPOINTED PURSUANT TO PARAGRAPH  
26 (a) OF SUBSECTION (2) OF THIS SECTION SHALL SERVE THREE-YEAR TERMS;  
27 EXCEPT THAT, OF THE PERSONS INITIALLY APPOINTED, THE STATE BOARD

1 SHALL SELECT FOUR WHO SHALL SERVE INITIAL TERMS OF ONE YEAR AND  
2 FOUR WHO SHALL SERVE INITIAL TERMS OF TWO YEARS.

3 (5) THE STATE BOARD SHALL CALL THE FIRST MEETING OF THE  
4 COUNCIL TO BE HELD NO LATER THAN NOVEMBER 15, 2009. AT ITS FIRST  
5 MEETING, AND ANNUALLY THEREAFTER, THE COUNCIL SHALL SELECT FROM  
6 AMONG ITS MEMBERS A PERSON TO SERVE AS CHAIR OF THE COUNCIL. THE  
7 COUNCIL SHALL MEET UPON CALL OF THE CHAIR AS OFTEN AS NECESSARY  
8 TO ACCOMPLISH ITS DUTIES AS SPECIFIED IN THIS PART 3.

9 (6) THE COUNCIL MEMBERS SHALL SERVE WITHOUT  
10 COMPENSATION AND WITHOUT REIMBURSEMENT FOR EXPENSES. ==

11 **22-7-304. Council - advisory duties.** (1) THE COUNCIL SHALL  
12 INFORM, AT A MINIMUM, THE EARLY CHILDHOOD COUNCILS AND THE  
13 EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE AND EDUCATION COUNCILS CREATED PURSUANT  
14 TO ARTICLE 6.5 OF TITLE 26, C.R.S., PUBLIC SCHOOLS, SCHOOL DISTRICTS,  
15 THE STATE CHARTER SCHOOL INSTITUTE, THE DEPARTMENT, THE STATE  
16 BOARD, THE DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION, THE COLORADO  
17 COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION, AND THE GOVERNING BOARDS FOR  
18 THE STATE INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION CONCERNING BEST  
19 PRACTICES AND STRATEGIES, ALIGNED WITH THE NATIONAL STANDARDS  
20 FOR FAMILY-SCHOOL PARTNERSHIPS, FOR INCREASING PARENT  
21 INVOLVEMENT IN PUBLIC EDUCATION AND PROMOTING FAMILY AND  
22 SCHOOL PARTNERSHIPS, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO BEST PRACTICES  
23 AND STRATEGIES IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS:

24 (a) CREATING AND IMPLEMENTING PROGRAMS TO EFFECTIVELY  
25 INVOLVE PARENTS IN IMPROVING THEIR CHILDREN'S EDUCATION AND  
26 LEVELS OF ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT. TO IDENTIFY THESE BEST PRACTICES  
27 AND STRATEGIES, THE COUNCIL SHALL REVIEW THE PROGRAMS

1 IMPLEMENTED IN OTHER STATES AND THE RESULTS OF STATE AND  
2 NATIONAL RESEARCH CONDUCTED IN THIS AREA.

3 (b) INVOLVING PARENTS IN PROGRAMS TO RAISE ACADEMIC  
4 ACHIEVEMENT, INCREASE HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION RATES, DECREASE  
5 STUDENT DROPOUT RATES, AND CLOSE THE ACHIEVEMENT GAP;

6 (c) INVOLVING PARENTS IN RESPONSE TO INTERVENTION  
7 PROGRAMS IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND SCHOOL DISTRICTS;

8 (d) INVOLVING PARENTS IN PROGRAMS TO RAISE ACADEMIC  
9 ACHIEVEMENT, IMPROVE THE PERSISTENCE RATE, AND IMPROVE THE  
10 ON-TIME GRADUATION RATE OF STUDENTS ENROLLED IN INSTITUTIONS OF  
11 HIGHER EDUCATION;

12 (e) INCREASING PARENT INVOLVEMENT IN EDUCATION-RELATED  
13 COMMITTEES AT THE LOCAL AND STATE LEVELS;

14 (f) DESIGNING AND IMPLEMENTING PARENT EDUCATION PROGRAMS  
15 AND CENTERS AND PARENT LEADERSHIP TRAINING PROGRAMS;

16 (g) CREATING AND IMPLEMENTING FAMILY-TO-SCHOOL LIAISON  
17 POSITIONS; AND

18 (h) ESTABLISHING AND IMPLEMENTING SCHOOL-BASED PARENT  
19 INFORMATION RESOURCE CENTERS.

20 (2) THE COUNCIL SHALL RECOMMEND TO THE STATE BOARD AND  
21 TO THE COLORADO COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION PLANS FOR  
22 STATEWIDE PARENT INVOLVEMENT INITIATIVES, WHICH MAY INCLUDE, BUT  
23 NEED NOT BE LIMITED TO:

24 (a) REQUIRING EACH SCHOOL DISTRICT AND THE STATE CHARTER  
25 SCHOOL INSTITUTE, AS PART OF THE ACCREDITATION PROCESS, TO  
26 INCREASE THE LEVEL OF PARENT INVOLVEMENT IN EDUCATION; AND

27 (b) INITIATIVES TO INCREASE ADMISSIONS TO INSTITUTIONS OF

1 HIGHER EDUCATION AND THE DEGREE-COMPLETION RATE AND TO REDUCE  
2 THE NEED FOR REMEDIATION.

3 **22-7-305. Parent involvement in education grant program -**  
4 **creation - rules - fund - reports.** (1) (a) THERE IS HEREBY CREATED IN  
5 THE DEPARTMENT THE PARENT INVOLVEMENT IN EDUCATION GRANT  
6 PROGRAM TO PROVIDE MONEYS TO ASSIST PUBLIC SCHOOLS IN CREATING  
7 AND IMPLEMENTING PROGRAMS TO SUPPORT GREATER PARENT  
8 INVOLVEMENT IN THE SCHOOLS. THE COUNCIL SHALL ASSIST THE  
9 DEPARTMENT IN IMPLEMENTING THE PARENT INVOLVEMENT GRANT  
10 PROGRAM AS PROVIDED IN THIS SECTION AND SHALL PROVIDE ADVICE TO  
11 RECIPIENT SCHOOLS TO ASSIST THEM IN CREATING AND IMPLEMENTING  
12 PROGRAMS TO ENSURE THAT THE PROGRAMS REFLECT THE BEST PRACTICES  
13 IDENTIFIED BY THE COUNCIL PURSUANT TO SECTION 22-7-304.

14 (b) THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF A PUBLIC SCHOOL, OR A BOARD OF  
15 COOPERATIVE SERVICES OR REGIONAL SERVICE COUNCIL THAT OPERATES  
16 A PUBLIC SCHOOL, THAT SEEKS A GRANT THROUGH THE PARENT  
17 INVOLVEMENT GRANT PROGRAM SHALL APPLY ON BEHALF OF THE PUBLIC  
18 SCHOOL; EXCEPT THAT, IF THE PUBLIC SCHOOL IS A CHARTER SCHOOL, THE  
19 PUBLIC SCHOOL MAY APPLY ON ITS OWN BEHALF. TO BE ELIGIBLE TO  
20 RECEIVE A GRANT, A PUBLIC SCHOOL SHALL MEET ONE OR MORE OF THE  
21 FOLLOWING CRITERIA:

22 (I) A SIGNIFICANT PERCENTAGE, AS DEFINED BY RULE OF THE  
23 STATE BOARD, OF THE STUDENTS ENROLLED IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOL FOR  
24 THE THREE ACADEMIC YEARS IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING APPLICATION  
25 WERE:

26 (A) ELIGIBLE FOR FREE OR REDUCED-COST LUNCH PURSUANT TO  
27 THE PROVISIONS OF THE FEDERAL "NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH ACT", 42

1 U.S.C. SEC. 1751 ET SEQ.; OR

2 (B) STUDENTS WHOSE DOMINANT LANGUAGE IS NOT ENGLISH, AS  
3 DEFINED IN SECTION 22-24-103 (4);

4 (II) THE DROPOUT RATE FOR THE PUBLIC SCHOOL FOR EACH OF THE  
5 THREE ACADEMIC YEARS IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING APPLICATION  
6 EXCEEDED THE STATE AVERAGE DROPOUT RATE FOR EACH RESPECTIVE  
7 YEAR BY A PERCENTAGE ESTABLISHED BY RULE OF THE STATE BOARD;

8 (III) FOR EACH OF THE THREE ACADEMIC YEARS IMMEDIATELY  
9 PRECEDING APPLICATION, THE STATEWIDE ASSESSMENT SCORES OF  
10 STUDENTS ENROLLED IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOL DEMONSTRATED THAT:

11 (A) A SIGNIFICANT ACHIEVEMENT GAP, AS DEFINED BY RULE OF  
12 THE STATE BOARD, EXISTED AMONG IDENTIFIED GROUPS OF STUDENTS; OR

13 (B) THE SCHOOL WAS AN ACADEMICALLY UNDERPERFORMING  
14 SCHOOL, AS DEFINED BY RULE OF THE STATE BOARD.

15 (c) THE PROGRAMS THAT A RECIPIENT SCHOOL MAY FUND WITH  
16 GRANT MONEYS RECEIVED THROUGH THE PARENT INVOLVEMENT GRANT  
17 PROGRAM SHALL INCLUDE, BUT NEED NOT BE LIMITED TO, PROGRAMS TO  
18 ESTABLISH:

19 (I) FAMILY-TO-SCHOOL LIAISON POSITIONS;

20 (II) PARENT LEADERSHIP TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES;

21 (III) CENTERS TO PROVIDE PARENT EDUCATION PROGRAMS; AND

22 (IV) SCHOOL-BASED PARENT INFORMATION RESOURCE CENTERS.

23 (2) THE STATE BOARD SHALL PROMULGATE RULES PURSUANT TO  
24 THE "STATE ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE ACT", ARTICLE 4 OF TITLE 24,  
25 C.R.S., AS NECESSARY FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PARENT  
26 INVOLVEMENT GRANT PROGRAM, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO:

27 (a) RULES AS SPECIFIED IN PARAGRAPH (b) OF SUBSECTION (1) OF

1 THIS SECTION AND SUBSECTION (5) OF THIS SECTION;

2 (b) RULES ESTABLISHING THE TIME FRAMES FOR SUBMISSION AND  
3 REVIEW OF APPLICATIONS AND SELECTION OF RECIPIENT SCHOOLS;

4 (c) RULES SPECIFYING THE INFORMATION TO BE INCLUDED IN  
5 GRANT APPLICATIONS; AND

6 (d) RULES IDENTIFYING ANY CRITERIA FOR SELECTION OF  
7 RECIPIENT SCHOOLS IN ADDITION TO THE CRITERIA SPECIFIED IN  
8 PARAGRAPH (b) OF SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS SECTION.

9 (3) THE COUNCIL SHALL REVIEW THE GRANT APPLICATIONS  
10 RECEIVED PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION AND SHALL RECOMMEND RECIPIENT  
11 SCHOOLS AND THE GRANT AMOUNTS TO THE STATE BOARD. SUBJECT TO  
12 AVAILABLE APPROPRIATIONS, THE STATE BOARD SHALL ANNUALLY AWARD  
13 GRANTS THROUGH THE PARENT INVOLVEMENT GRANT PROGRAM, WHICH  
14 GRANTS SHALL BE PAID FROM THE PARENT INVOLVEMENT GRANT  
15 PROGRAM FUND CREATED IN SUBSECTION (4) OF THIS SECTION.

16 (4) (a) THERE IS HEREBY CREATED IN THE STATE TREASURY THE  
17 PARENT INVOLVEMENT GRANT PROGRAM FUND, REFERRED TO IN THIS  
18 SUBSECTION (4) AS THE "FUND", THAT SHALL CONSIST OF SUCH MONEYS AS  
19 MAY BE CREDITED TO THE FUND PURSUANT TO PARAGRAPH (b) OF THIS  
20 SUBSECTION (4). THE MONEYS IN THE FUND SHALL BE SUBJECT TO ANNUAL  
21 APPROPRIATION BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FOR THE DIRECT AND  
22 INDIRECT COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PARENT  
23 INVOLVEMENT GRANT PROGRAM. ANY MONEYS IN THE FUND NOT  
24 EXPENDED FOR THE PURPOSE OF THIS SECTION MAY BE INVESTED BY THE  
25 STATE TREASURER AS PROVIDED BY LAW. ALL INTEREST AND INCOME  
26 DERIVED FROM THE INVESTMENT AND DEPOSIT OF MONEYS IN THE FUND  
27 SHALL BE CREDITED TO THE FUND. ANY UNEXPENDED AND

1 UNENCUMBERED MONEYS REMAINING IN THE FUND AT THE END OF A  
2 FISCAL YEAR SHALL REMAIN IN THE FUND AND SHALL NOT BE CREDITED OR  
3 TRANSFERRED TO THE GENERAL FUND OR ANOTHER FUND; EXCEPT THAT  
4 ANY UNEXPENDED AND UNENCUMBERED MONEYS REMAINING IN THE FUND  
5 AS OF JUNE 30, 2019, SHALL BE TRANSFERRED TO THE GENERAL FUND.

6 (b) THE COUNCIL SHALL SEEK AND MAY ACCEPT GIFTS, GRANTS,  
7 AND DONATIONS FROM PRIVATE OR PUBLIC SOURCES FOR THE PURPOSES OF  
8 THE PARENT INVOLVEMENT GRANT PROGRAM; EXCEPT THAT THE COUNCIL  
9 SHALL NOT ACCEPT A GIFT, GRANT, OR DONATION IF IT IS SUBJECT TO  
10 CONDITIONS THAT ARE INCONSISTENT WITH THIS PART 3 OR ANY OTHER  
11 LAW OF THE STATE. THE COUNCIL SHALL TRANSMIT ALL PRIVATE AND  
12 PUBLIC MONEYS RECEIVED THROUGH GIFTS, GRANTS, OR DONATIONS TO  
13 THE STATE TREASURER, WHO SHALL CREDIT THE SAME TO THE FUND.

14 (c) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY PROVISION OF THIS SECTION TO THE  
15 CONTRARY, THE STATE BOARD AND THE DEPARTMENT SHALL NOT  
16 IMPLEMENT THE PARENT INVOLVEMENT GRANT PROGRAM UNTIL SUCH  
17 TIME AS THERE IS AT LEAST TWENTY THOUSAND DOLLARS CREDITED \_\_\_  
18 \_\_\_ TO THE FUND.

19 (d) IN ANY FISCAL YEAR IN WHICH THERE IS AT LEAST TWENTY  
20 THOUSAND DOLLARS CREDITED \_\_\_ TO THE FUND, THE DEPARTMENT MAY  
21 USE UP TO ONE PERCENT OF THE MONEYS CREDITED \_\_\_ \_\_\_ TO THE FUND  
22 TO OFFSET THE COSTS INCURRED IN IMPLEMENTING THE PARENT  
23 INVOLVEMENT GRANT PROGRAM, AND THE DEPARTMENT MAY USE UP TO  
24 AN ADDITIONAL ONE PERCENT OF THE MONEYS CREDITED \_\_\_ TO THE FUND  
25 TO OFFSET THE COSTS OF PROVIDING MEETING SPACE, EQUIPMENT, AND  
26 STAFF SERVICES TO THE COUNCIL PURSUANT TO SECTION 22-7-303 (6).

27 (5) (a) BEGINNING IN THE BUDGET YEAR FOLLOWING THE FIRST

1 BUDGET YEAR IN WHICH THE STATE BOARD AWARDS GRANTS PURSUANT TO  
2 THIS SECTION, EACH RECIPIENT SCHOOL SHALL ANNUALLY SUBMIT TO THE  
3 COUNCIL AND THE DEPARTMENT, IN ACCORDANCE WITH TIMELINES  
4 SPECIFIED BY RULE OF THE STATE BOARD, A REPORT SUMMARIZING THE  
5 AMOUNT OF MONEYS RECEIVED IN THE PRECEDING FISCAL YEAR FROM THE  
6 PARENT INVOLVEMENT GRANT PROGRAM, THE MANNER IN WHICH THE  
7 MONEYS WERE USED, AND THE RESULTS ACHIEVED THROUGH THE USE OF  
8 THE MONEYS. THE REPORT SHALL INCLUDE SUCH ADDITIONAL  
9 INFORMATION AS MAY BE REQUIRED BY RULE OF THE STATE BOARD.

10 (b) ON OR BEFORE MARCH 15 OF THE FIRST YEAR IN WHICH THE  
11 COUNCIL RECEIVES REPORTS PURSUANT TO PARAGRAPH (a) OF THIS  
12 SUBSECTION (5), AND ON OR BEFORE MARCH 15 EACH YEAR THEREAFTER,  
13 THE COUNCIL SHALL SUMMARIZE THE REPORTS RECEIVED PURSUANT TO  
14 PARAGRAPH (a) OF THIS SUBSECTION (5) AND SUBMIT THE SUMMARY, WITH  
15 ANY ADDITIONAL PERTINENT INFORMATION, TO THE STATE BOARD AND  
16 THE EDUCATION COMMITTEES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND  
17 THE SENATE, OR ANY SUCCESSOR COMMITTEES.

18 **22-7-306. Repeal of part.** (1) THIS PART 3 IS REPEALED,  
19 EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019.

20 (2) PRIOR TO SAID REPEAL, THE COUNCIL SHALL BE REVIEWED AS  
21 PROVIDED IN SECTION 2-3-1203, C.R.S.

22 **SECTION 2.** 22-7-104 (1), (1.5), and (4), Colorado Revised  
23 Statutes, are amended, and the said 22-7-104 is further amended BY THE  
24 ADDITION OF THE FOLLOWING NEW SUBSECTIONS, to read:

25 **22-7-104. School district accountability committees.** (1) The  
26 board of education of each school district in the state shall adopt a plan  
27 for a local accountability program designed to measure the adequacy and

1 efficiency of educational programs offered by the district. ~~Except as~~  
2 ~~provided in subsection (4) of this section, the board shall appoint or create~~  
3 ~~a process for the election of a~~ THE school district accountability  
4 committee ~~that~~ APPOINTED OR ELECTED AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (1.3)  
5 OF THIS SECTION shall make recommendations to the board relative to the  
6 program of accountability, but it shall be the responsibility of the board  
7 to implement the provisions of this section. The areas of study by the  
8 district accountability committee and other appropriate accountability  
9 committees shall be cooperatively determined at least annually by the  
10 committee and the board of education. ~~The school district accountability~~  
11 ~~committee shall consist of at least three parents of students enrolled in a~~  
12 ~~public school in the school district who are not employees or related to~~  
13 ~~employees of the district, one teacher, one school administrator, and one~~  
14 ~~person from the community who is involved in business.~~

15 (1.3) (a) EACH SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION SHALL  
16 APPOINT, OR CREATE A PROCESS FOR ELECTION OF, A SCHOOL DISTRICT  
17 ACCOUNTABILITY COMMITTEE. EACH SCHOOL DISTRICT ACCOUNTABILITY  
18 COMMITTEE SHALL CONSIST OF AT LEAST THE FOLLOWING PERSONS:

19 (I) AT LEAST ONE PERSON WHO IS A TEACHER EMPLOYED BY THE  
20 SCHOOL DISTRICT;

21 (II) AT LEAST ONE PERSON WHO IS AN ADMINISTRATOR EMPLOYED  
22 BY THE SCHOOL DISTRICT;

23 (III) AT LEAST ONE PERSON WHO IS INVOLVED IN BUSINESS IN THE  
24 COMMUNITY WITHIN THE SCHOOL DISTRICT BOUNDARIES; AND

25 (IV) AT LEAST THREE PERSONS WHO ARE PARENTS OF STUDENTS  
26 ENROLLED IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT.

27 (b) A PERSON MAY NOT BE APPOINTED OR ELECTED TO FILL MORE

1 THAN ONE OF THE MEMBER POSITIONS REQUIRED IN PARAGRAPH (a) OF  
2 THIS SUBSECTION (1.3) IN A SINGLE TERM.

3 (c) IF A SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION CHOOSES TO  
4 INCREASE THE NUMBER OF PERSONS ON THE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
5 ACCOUNTABILITY COMMITTEE, IT SHALL ENSURE THAT THE NUMBER OF  
6 PARENTS APPOINTED OR ELECTED TO THE COMMITTEE == PURSUANT TO  
7 SUBPARAGRAPH (IV) OF PARAGRAPH (a) OF THIS SUBSECTION (1.3)  
8 EXCEEDS THE NUMBER OF REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE GROUP WITH THE  
9 NEXT HIGHEST REPRESENTATION.

10 (d) IF A SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION APPOINTS THE  
11 MEMBERS OF A SCHOOL DISTRICT ACCOUNTABILITY COMMITTEE, THE  
12 SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION, TO THE EXTENT PRACTICABLE,  
13 SHALL ENSURE THAT THE PARENTS WHO ARE APPOINTED REFLECT THE  
14 STUDENT POPULATIONS THAT ARE SIGNIFICANTLY REPRESENTED WITHIN  
15 THE SCHOOL DISTRICT. SAID STUDENT POPULATIONS MAY INCLUDE, BUT  
16 NEED NOT BE LIMITED TO:

- 17 (I) STUDENTS WHO ARE MEMBERS OF NON-CAUCASIAN RACES;
- 18 (II) STUDENTS WHO ARE ELIGIBLE FOR FREE OR REDUCED-COST  
19 LUNCH THROUGH THE FEDERAL "NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH ACT", 42  
20 U.S.C. SEC. 1751 ET SEQ.;
- 21 (III) STUDENTS WHOSE DOMINANT LANGUAGE IS NOT ENGLISH, AS  
22 DEFINED IN SECTION 22-24-103 (4);
- 23 (IV) STUDENTS WHO ARE MIGRANT CHILDREN, AS DEFINED IN  
24 SECTION 22-23-103 (2);
- 25 (V) STUDENTS WHO ARE IDENTIFIED AS CHILDREN WITH  
26 DISABILITIES PURSUANT TO SECTION 22-20-108; AND
- 27 (VI) STUDENTS WHO ARE IDENTIFIED AS GIFTED AS DEFINED IN

1 SECTION 22-20-103 (13).

2 (1.5) As used in this section, unless the context otherwise requires,  
3 "related" or "relative" means a person's spouse, son, daughter, sister, or  
4 brother.

5 (4) Any school district that demonstrates that, prior to January 1,  
6 2000, the school district had in place a committee or council that  
7 performed at least the duties specified for a school district accountability  
8 committee in this section and section 22-7-105 is not required to appoint  
9 or elect a school district accountability committee pursuant to subsection  
10 (1) of this section. IF A SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION APPOINTS  
11 THE MEMBERS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT ACCOUNTABILITY COMMITTEE,  
12 THE BOARD, TO THE EXTENT PRACTICABLE, SHALL ENSURE THAT:

13 (a) AT LEAST ONE OF THE PARENTS APPOINTED TO THE COMMITTEE  
14 IS THE PARENT OF A STUDENT ENROLLED IN A CHARTER SCHOOL  
15 AUTHORIZED BY THE SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION, IF THE  
16 BOARD HAS AUTHORIZED ANY CHARTER SCHOOLS; AND

17 (b) AT LEAST ONE OF THE PERSONS APPOINTED TO THE COMMITTEE  
18 HAS A DEMONSTRATED KNOWLEDGE OF CHARTER SCHOOLS.

19 (5) THE MEMBERS OF EACH SCHOOL DISTRICT ACCOUNTABILITY  
20 COMMITTEE SHALL SELECT FROM AMONG THE PARENT REPRESENTATIVES  
21 SERVING ON THE COMMITTEE A MEMBER TO SERVE AS CHAIR OR CO-CHAIR  
22 OF THE COMMITTEE. THE SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION SHALL  
23 ESTABLISH THE LENGTH OF TERM FOR WHICH THE COMMITTEE CHAIR OR  
24 CO-CHAIR SHALL SERVE.

25 **SECTION 3.** 22-7-106, Colorado Revised Statutes, is amended  
26 to read:

27 **22-7-106. School accountability committees - creation -**

1 qualifications - elections. (1) (a) ~~Except as provided in subsection (4)~~  
2 ~~of this section,~~ There shall be a school advisory council ACCOUNTABILITY  
3 COMMITTEE at each public school in each school district, INCLUDING BUT  
4 NOT LIMITED TO EACH DISTRICT CHARTER SCHOOL, and at each institute  
5 charter school created pursuant to part 5 of article 30.5 of this title. A  
6 school advisory council ACCOUNTABILITY COMMITTEE shall consist of AT  
7 LEAST seven members ~~designated, appointed, or elected~~ as follows:

8 (I) The principal of the school or the principal's designee;

9 (II) AT LEAST one teacher who provides instruction at the school;  
10 ~~elected by a vote of all licensed professionals who provide instruction at~~  
11 ~~the school or have an office in the school;~~ \_\_\_\_\_

12 (III) AT LEAST three parents or legal guardians of students  
13 ~~enrolled in the school; who are elected by a vote of the parents and legal~~  
14 ~~guardians of students enrolled in the school;~~

15 (IV) AT LEAST one adult member ~~designated by~~ OF an  
16 organization of parents, teachers, and students recognized by the school;  
17 and

18 (V) ~~A~~ AT LEAST ONE person from the community. ~~who is involved~~  
19 ~~in business and who is appointed by the principal.~~

20 (a.3) THE SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION OR THE STATE  
21 CHARTER SCHOOL INSTITUTE SHALL DETERMINE THE ACTUAL NUMBER OF  
22 PERSONS ON THE SCHOOL ACCOUNTABILITY COMMITTEE AND THE METHOD  
23 FOR SELECTING THE MEMBERS OF THE SCHOOL ACCOUNTABILITY  
24 COMMITTEE. IF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OR THE INSTITUTE CHOOSES TO  
25 INCREASE THE NUMBER OF PERSONS ON THE SCHOOL ACCOUNTABILITY  
26 COMMITTEE, IT SHALL ENSURE THAT THE NUMBER OF PARENTS, AS  
27 DESCRIBED IN SUBPARAGRAPH \_\_\_\_\_ (III) OF PARAGRAPH (a) OF THIS

1 SUBSECTION (1), ON THE COMMITTEE EXCEEDS THE NUMBER OF  
2 REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE GROUP WITH THE NEXT HIGHEST  
3 REPRESENTATION.

4 (a.5) A PERSON MAY NOT BE SELECTED TO FILL MORE THAN ONE OF  
5 THE MEMBER POSITIONS REQUIRED IN PARAGRAPH (a) OF THIS SUBSECTION  
6 (1) IN A SINGLE TERM.

7 (a.7) IF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION OR THE  
8 INSTITUTE DETERMINES THAT THE MEMBERS OF A SCHOOL  
9 ACCOUNTABILITY COMMITTEE SHOULD BE APPOINTED, THE APPOINTING  
10 AUTHORITY SHALL, TO THE EXTENT PRACTICABLE, APPOINT PERSONS WHO  
11 REFLECT THE STUDENT POPULATIONS THAT ARE SIGNIFICANTLY  
12 REPRESENTED WITHIN THE SCHOOL. IF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF  
13 EDUCATION OR THE INSTITUTE DETERMINES THAT PERSONS SHALL BE  
14 ELECTED TO SERVE ON THE SCHOOL ACCOUNTABILITY COMMITTEE, THE  
15 SCHOOL PRINCIPAL SHALL ENCOURAGE PERSONS WHO REFLECT THE  
16 STUDENT POPULATIONS THAT ARE SIGNIFICANTLY REPRESENTED WITHIN  
17 THE SCHOOL TO SEEK ELECTION TO THE COMMITTEE. SAID STUDENT  
18 POPULATIONS MAY INCLUDE, BUT NEED NOT BE LIMITED TO:

19 (I) STUDENTS WHO ARE MEMBERS OF NON-CAUCASIAN RACES;

20 (II) STUDENTS WHO ARE ELIGIBLE FOR FREE OR REDUCED-COST  
21 LUNCH THROUGH THE FEDERAL "NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH ACT", 42  
22 U.S.C. SEC. 1751 ET SEQ.;

23 (III) STUDENTS WHOSE DOMINANT LANGUAGE IS NOT ENGLISH, AS  
24 DEFINED IN SECTION 22-24-103 (4);

25 (IV) STUDENTS WHO ARE MIGRANT CHILDREN, AS DEFINED IN  
26 SECTION 22-23-103 (2);

27 (V) STUDENTS WHO ARE IDENTIFIED AS CHILDREN WITH

1 DISABILITIES PURSUANT TO SECTION 22-20-108; AND

2 (VI) STUDENTS WHO ARE IDENTIFIED AS GIFTED AS DEFINED IN  
3 SECTION 22-20-103 (13).

4 (b) ~~No more than three members of a school advisory council~~  
5 ~~shall be employed by or relatives of an employee of the school district.~~  
6 ~~If an election would result in more than three school district employees~~  
7 ~~or persons related to school district employees serving on the council,~~  
8 ~~only the number of candidates who receive the highest number of votes~~  
9 ~~that will result in three school district employees or persons related to~~  
10 ~~school district employees serving on the council shall become members~~  
11 ~~of the council and other employees or persons related to employees shall~~  
12 ~~be disqualified.~~

13 (b.5) ~~In the case of an institute charter school, no more than three~~  
14 ~~members of a school advisory council shall be employed by or relatives~~  
15 ~~of an employee of the institute charter school. If an election would result~~  
16 ~~in more than three school employees or persons related to school~~  
17 ~~employees serving on the council, only the number of candidates who~~  
18 ~~receive the highest number of votes that will result in three school~~  
19 ~~employees or persons related to school employees serving on the council~~  
20 ~~shall become members of the council and other employees or persons~~  
21 ~~related to employees shall be disqualified.~~

22 (c) Any appointment or designation required by paragraph (a) of  
23 this subsection (1) shall be made by September 1, 2001, and by  
24 September 1 of every odd-numbered year thereafter. Any election  
25 required by paragraph (a) of this subsection (1) shall be conducted on or  
26 before October 31, 2001, October 31, 2003, and on or before October 31  
27 of every year thereafter.

1           (2) Members of the council shall serve terms of two years; except  
2 that, of the members first elected, the member elected pursuant to  
3 subparagraph (H) of paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of this section and the  
4 two members with the highest number of votes cast in the election  
5 conducted pursuant to subparagraph (H) of paragraph (a) of subsection  
6 (1) of this section shall serve terms of three years.

7           (3) Any vacancies that may arise on ~~the council~~ A SCHOOL  
8 ACCOUNTABILITY COMMITTEE by reason of a member's resignation or  
9 disqualification or for any other reason shall be filled by majority action  
10 of the remaining members of the ~~council~~ COMMITTEE. Except for the  
11 principal, no member of the council shall serve more than two  
12 consecutive, full terms, plus any balance remaining on an unexpired term  
13 if the initial appointment was to fill a vacancy.   == ==

14           (3.5) THE MEMBERS OF EACH SCHOOL ACCOUNTABILITY  
15 COMMITTEE SHALL ANNUALLY SELECT FROM AMONG THE PARENT  
16 REPRESENTATIVES ELECTED TO THE COMMITTEE A MEMBER TO SERVE AS  
17 CHAIR OR CO-CHAIR OF THE COMMITTEE.

18           (4) The school advisory council required by this section shall not  
19 be required in any school or school district that demonstrates that prior to  
20 January 1, 2000, the school or school district had in place a committee or  
21 council that performed at least the duties specified for school advisory  
22 councils in this section and section 22-7-107. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY  
23 PROVISION OF THIS SECTION TO THE CONTRARY:

24           (a) IF, AFTER MAKING GOOD-FAITH EFFORTS, A PRINCIPAL OR AN  
25 ORGANIZATION OF PARENTS, TEACHERS, AND STUDENTS IS UNABLE TO FIND  
26 A SUFFICIENT NUMBER OF PERSONS WHO ARE WILLING TO SERVE ON THE  
27 SCHOOL ACCOUNTABILITY COMMITTEE, THE PRINCIPAL, WITH ADVICE

1 FROM THE ORGANIZATION OF PARENTS, TEACHERS, AND STUDENTS, MAY  
2 ESTABLISH AN ALTERNATIVE MEMBERSHIP PLAN FOR THE SCHOOL  
3 ACCOUNTABILITY COMMITTEE, WHICH PLAN SHALL REFLECT THE  
4 MEMBERSHIP SPECIFIED IN PARAGRAPH (a) OF SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS  
5 SECTION AS MUCH AS PRACTICABLE;

6 (b) THE GOVERNING BOARD OF A DISTRICT CHARTER SCHOOL OR  
7 AN INSTITUTE CHARTER SCHOOL MAY SERVE AS THE SCHOOL  
8 ACCOUNTABILITY COMMITTEE;

9 (c) IN A SCHOOL DISTRICT WITH FIVE HUNDRED OR FEWER  
10 ENROLLED STUDENTS, ONE OR MORE MEMBERS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
11 BOARD OF EDUCATION MAY ALSO SERVE ON A SCHOOL ACCOUNTABILITY  
12 COMMITTEE AND THE DISTRICT ACCOUNTABILITY COMMITTEE MAY SERVE  
13 AS A SCHOOL ACCOUNTABILITY COMMITTEE.

14 ~~(5) As used in this section, unless the context otherwise requires,~~  
15 ~~"related" or "relative" means a person's spouse, son, daughter, sister, or~~  
16 ~~brother.~~

17 **SECTION 4.** The introductory portion to 22-5.5-105 (2) (a) and  
18 22-5.5-105 (2) (a) (IV), Colorado Revised Statutes, are amended to read:

19 **22-5.5-105. Regional service areas - establishment - plan -**  
20 **governance.** (2) (a) Each plan for a regional service area shall be  
21 administered by a locally appointed regional service council, representing  
22 the following entities within the regional service area and composed of  
23 a minimum of five members; EXCEPT THAT A REGIONAL SERVICE COUNCIL  
24 INITIALLY FORMED OR REORGANIZED ON OR AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE  
25 OF SENATE BILL 09-090, ENACTED IN 2009, SHALL BE COMPOSED OF A  
26 MINIMUM OF SIX MEMBERS as follows:

27 (IV) The regional service council, within ninety days after its

1 initial formation and each time the regional service council reorganizes  
2 thereafter, shall appoint one council member representing business and  
3 industry, ~~and~~ one council member representing each existing early  
4 childhood council from within the regional service area, AND, FOR A  
5 REGIONAL SERVICE COUNCIL INITIALLY FORMED OR REORGANIZED ON OR  
6 AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF SENATE BILL 09-090, ENACTED IN 2009,  
7 ONE COUNCIL MEMBER WHO IS A PARENT OF A STUDENT ENROLLED IN A  
8 PUBLIC PRESCHOOL, ELEMENTARY, SECONDARY, OR POSTSECONDARY  
9 INSTITUTION LOCATED WITHIN THE REGIONAL SERVICE AREA.

10 **SECTION 5.** 22-13-103 (1) (k), Colorado Revised Statutes, is  
11 amended to read:

12 **22-13-103. School leadership academy board - created - duties**  
13 **- reports - repeal.** (1) There is hereby created in the department the  
14 school leadership academy board, which shall consist of fourteen  
15 members appointed by the commissioner as follows:

16 (k) Four members who shall be appointed at the discretion of the  
17 commissioner. FOR APPOINTMENTS MADE AFTER SEPTEMBER 1, 2008, AT  
18 LEAST ONE OF THE MEMBERS APPOINTED PURSUANT TO THIS PARAGRAPH  
19 (k) SHALL BE A PARENT OF A STUDENT ENROLLED IN A PUBLIC SCHOOL OF  
20 THE STATE.

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23 **SECTION 6.** 22-80-103 (1) (a), Colorado Revised Statutes, is  
24 amended to read:

25 **22-80-103. Board of trustees - appointments - powers - duties**  
26 **- fund created.** (1) (a) There is hereby created by a **type 1** transfer in the  
27 department of education a board of trustees for the Colorado school for

1 the deaf and the blind. The board of trustees shall consist of seven  
2 members who are residents of Colorado, appointed by the governor with  
3 the consent of the senate. Of these seven members, at least one appointee  
4 shall be a blind person and at least one appointee shall be a deaf person.  
5 BEGINNING WITH THE FIRST APPOINTMENT MADE ON OR AFTER THE  
6 EFFECTIVE DATE OF SENATE BILL 09-090, ENACTED IN 2009, THE  
7 GOVERNOR SHALL ENSURE THAT, OF THE SEVEN MEMBERS OF THE BOARD  
8 OF TRUSTEES, AT LEAST ONE APPOINTEE IS THE PARENT OF A CHILD WHO  
9 IS DEAF OR BLIND OR BOTH.

10 **SECTION 7.** 23-1-103 (1) (b) and (1) (c), Colorado Revised  
11 Statutes, are amended to read:

12 **23-1-103. Advisory committee to the Colorado commission on**  
13 **higher education.** (1) There is hereby established an advisory  
14 committee to the commission for the purpose of suggesting solutions for  
15 the problems and needs of higher education and maintaining liaison with  
16 the general assembly and the governing boards for state-supported  
17 institutions of higher education. The advisory committee shall consist of  
18 not less than thirteen members, to be designated as follows:

19 (b) One member shall be selected and designated by the  
20 commission to represent the faculty in the state and one member shall be  
21 selected and designated by the commission to represent the students in the  
22 state. ON AND AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF SENATE BILL 09-090,  
23 ENACTED IN 2009, THE COMMISSION SHALL SELECT AND DESIGNATE ONE  
24 MEMBER WHO, AT THE TIME OF DESIGNATION, IS A PARENT OF A STUDENT  
25 WHO IS ENROLLED IN A STATE-SUPPORTED INSTITUTION OF HIGHER  
26 EDUCATION IN COLORADO TO REPRESENT THE PARENTS OF STUDENTS.

27 (c) Not more than ~~five~~ FOUR additional members representing

1 educational or other groups may be selected and designated by the  
2 commission to serve on the advisory committee.

3 **SECTION 8.** 22-7-107 (1) and the introductory portion to  
4 22-7-107 (2), Colorado Revised Statutes, are amended to read:

5 **22-7-107. School accountability committee recommendations**  
6 **- meetings.** (1) In addition to any other duties and powers provided for  
7 by law, the school ~~advisory council~~ ACCOUNTABILITY COMMITTEE of each  
8 public school shall make recommendations to the principal of the school  
9 regarding the prioritization of expenditures of school moneys. The  
10 principal shall consider such recommendations made by the school  
11 ~~advisory council~~ ACCOUNTABILITY COMMITTEE regarding the expenditure  
12 of any state, federal, local, or private grants and any other discretionary  
13 ~~funds~~ MONEYS.

14 (2) Each school ~~advisory council~~ ACCOUNTABILITY COMMITTEE  
15 shall meet at least quarterly to discuss:

16 **SECTION 9.** 22-7-205 (1), Colorado Revised Statutes, is  
17 amended to read:

18 **22-7-205. Local goals and objectives and plans to improve**  
19 **educational achievement and graduation rates.** (1) No later than June  
20 15, 1989, and then no later than September 1, 1990, and September 1 of  
21 each year thereafter, the school ~~advisory council~~ ACCOUNTABILITY  
22 COMMITTEE for each school building in the state shall adopt high, but  
23 achievable, goals and objectives for the improvement of education in its  
24 building and shall adopt a plan to improve educational achievement in the  
25 school, to implement methods of maximizing graduation rates from the  
26 secondary schools of the district, and to increase the ratings for the  
27 school's accreditation category established pursuant to section 22-11-202.

1 Each building's goals and objectives and plan shall be reviewed by the  
2 district accountability committee before its submission to the board of  
3 education of the district. Procedures for the implementation of the plan  
4 shall be included in the budget submitted to the board of education  
5 pursuant to section 22-44-108.

6 **SECTION 10.** 22-7-207, Colorado Revised Statutes, is amended  
7 to read:

8 **22-7-207. School accountability committees -**  
9 **recommendations - prioritization of school expenditures.** In addition  
10 to any other duties and powers provided for by law, the school ~~advisory~~  
11 ~~council~~ ACCOUNTABILITY COMMITTEE for each school building in the state  
12 shall make recommendations to the chief executive officer of the school  
13 relative to the prioritization of expenditures of school district moneys by  
14 such school. In addition, a copy of such recommendations shall be sent  
15 to the accountability committee of the school district and to the board of  
16 education of such school district. The chief executive officer shall  
17 consider such recommendations made by the school ~~advisory council~~  
18 ACCOUNTABILITY COMMITTEE in formulating budget requests to be  
19 presented to the board of education.

20 **SECTION 11.** 22-11-303 (1), Colorado Revised Statutes, is  
21 amended to read:

22 **22-11-303. Colorado school awards program - distribution of**  
23 **award.** (1) Any award presented by the state board pursuant to this part  
24 3 shall be spent or distributed for use within the public school as the  
25 principal of the public school, after consultation with the school ~~advisory~~  
26 ~~council~~ ACCOUNTABILITY COMMITTEE for the public school, deems  
27 appropriate.

1           **SECTION 12.** 22-30.5-104 (6) (a) and (6) (b), Colorado Revised  
2 Statutes, are amended to read:

3           **22-30.5-104. Charter school - requirements - authority.**

4           (6) (a) Pursuant to contract, a charter school may operate free from  
5 specified school district policies and free from state rules, as provided in  
6 paragraph (b) of this subsection (6). Pursuant to contract, a local board  
7 of education may waive locally imposed school district requirements,  
8 without seeking approval of the state board; except that a charter school  
9 shall not, by contract or otherwise, operate free of the requirements  
10 contained in the "Public School Finance Act of 1994", article 54 of this  
11 title, THE REQUIREMENTS SPECIFIED IN PART 1 OF ARTICLE 7 OF THIS TITLE  
12 CONCERNING SCHOOL ACCOUNTABILITY COMMITTEES, or the requirements  
13 contained in the "Children's Internet Protection Act", article 87 of this  
14 title.

15           (b) The state board shall promulgate rules identifying state statutes  
16 and state rules that are automatically waived for all charter schools. A  
17 school district, on behalf of a charter school, may apply to the state board  
18 for a waiver of a state statute or state rule that is not automatically waived  
19 for charter schools by rule. Notwithstanding any provision of this  
20 subsection (6) to the contrary, the state board may not waive ANY  
21 STATUTE OR STATE RULE RELATING TO SCHOOL ACCOUNTABILITY  
22 COMMITTEES AS DESCRIBED IN SECTION 22-7-106, any statute or rule  
23 relating to the assessments required to be administered pursuant to section  
24 22-7-409, any statute or rule necessary to prepare the school  
25 accountability reports pursuant to part 6 of article 7 of this title, any  
26 statute or rule necessary to implement the provisions of the "Public  
27 School Finance Act of 1994", article 54 of this title, or any statute or rule

1 relating to the "Children's Internet Protection Act", article 87 of this title.

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3 **SECTION 13.** 22-30.5-304 (1) (d) (I), Colorado Revised Statutes,  
4 is amended to read:

5 **22-30.5-304. Review committee - membership -**  
6 **recommendations.** (1) Whenever an independent charter school is to be  
7 organized pursuant to this part 3, on or before the date specified by rule  
8 adopted by the state board in accordance with section 22-30.5-303 (2) (b),  
9 the commissioner shall cause a review committee to be formed. The  
10 review committee shall consist of:

11 (d) (I) Two parents of students enrolled in the school who are  
12 members of the school ~~advisory council~~ ACCOUNTABILITY COMMITTEE  
13 and are elected by a vote of the members of the school ~~advisory council~~  
14 ACCOUNTABILITY COMMITTEE.

15 **SECTION 14.** 22-30.5-507 (7), Colorado Revised Statutes, is  
16 amended to read:

17 **22-30.5-507. Institute charter school - requirements -**  
18 **authority.** (7) Pursuant to the charter contract, an institute charter  
19 school may operate free from specified statutes and state board rules. The  
20 state board may waive state statutory requirements or rules promulgated  
21 by the state board; except that the state board may not waive ANY  
22 STATUTE OR RULE RELATING TO SCHOOL ACCOUNTABILITY COMMITTEES  
23 AS DESCRIBED IN SECTION 22-7-106, any state statute or rule relating to the  
24 assessments required to be administered pursuant to section 22-7-409, any  
25 state statute or rule necessary to prepare the school accountability reports  
26 pursuant to part 6 of article 7 of this title, or any statute or rule necessary  
27 to implement the provisions of the "Public School Finance Act of 1994",

1 article 54 of this title, or any state statute or rule relating to the "Children's  
2 Internet Protection Act", article 87 of this title. Any waiver of state  
3 statute or state board rule made pursuant to this subsection (7) shall be for  
4 the term of the contract for which the waiver is made. A request for a  
5 waiver may be submitted to the institute as a part of the application for an  
6 institute charter school.

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8 **SECTION 15.** 22-32.5-104 (3) (f) and (4) (c), Colorado Revised  
9 Statutes, are amended to read:

10 **22-32.5-104. Innovation plans - submission - contents.**

11 (3) Each innovation plan, whether submitted by a public school or  
12 created by a local school board through collaboration between the local  
13 school board and a public school, shall include the following information:

14 (f) Evidence that a majority of the administrators employed at the  
15 public school, a majority of the teachers employed at the public school,  
16 and a majority of the school ~~advisory council~~ ACCOUNTABILITY  
17 COMMITTEE for the public school consent to designation as an innovation  
18 school;

19 (4) Each plan for creating an innovation school zone, whether  
20 submitted by a group of public schools or created by a local school board  
21 through collaboration with a group of public schools, shall include the  
22 information specified in subsection (3) of this section for each public  
23 school that would be included in the innovation school zone. A plan for  
24 creating an innovation school zone shall also include the following  
25 additional information:

26 (c) Evidence that a majority of the administrators and a majority  
27 of the teachers employed at each public school that would be included in

1 the innovation school zone and a majority of the school ~~advisory council~~  
2 ACCOUNTABILITY COMMITTEE for each public school that would be  
3 included in the innovation school zone consent to creating the innovation  
4 school zone; and

5 **SECTION 16.** 22-32.5-110 (1), Colorado Revised Statutes, is  
6 amended to read:

7 **22-32.5-110. District of innovation - review of innovation**  
8 **schools and innovation school zones.** (1) Three years after the local  
9 school board of a district of innovation approves an innovation plan or a  
10 plan for creating an innovation school zone, and every three years  
11 thereafter, the local school board shall review the level of performance of  
12 the innovation school and each public school included in the innovation  
13 school zone and determine whether the innovation school or innovation  
14 school zone is achieving or making adequate progress toward achieving  
15 the academic performance results identified in the school's or zone's  
16 innovation plan. The local school board, in collaboration with the  
17 innovation school or the innovation school zone, may revise the  
18 innovation plan, including but not limited to revising the identification of  
19 the provisions of the collective bargaining agreement that need to be  
20 waived to implement the innovations, as necessary to improve or continue  
21 to improve academic performance at the innovation school or innovation  
22 school zone. Any revisions to the innovation plan shall require the  
23 consent of a majority of the teachers and a majority of the administrators  
24 employed at and a majority of the school ~~advisory council~~  
25 ACCOUNTABILITY COMMITTEE for each affected public school.

26 **SECTION 17.** 22-2-103 (1) (g) and (1) (h), Colorado Revised  
27 Statutes, are amended, and the said 22-2-103 (1) is further amended BY

1 THE ADDITION OF A NEW PARAGRAPH, to read:

2 **22-2-103. Department of education.** (1) The department of  
3 education shall include the following:

4 (g) The facility schools unit ~~and~~ CREATED IN SECTION 22-2-403;

5 (h) The facility schools board CREATED IN SECTION 22-2-404; AND

6 (i) THE COLORADO STATE ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR PARENT  
7 INVOLVEMENT IN EDUCATION CREATED IN SECTION 22-7-303.

8 **SECTION 18.** 24-1-115, Colorado Revised Statutes, is amended  
9 BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SUBSECTION to read:

10 **24-1-115. Department of education - creation.** (14) THE  
11 DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION SHALL INCLUDE THE COLORADO STATE  
12 ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR PARENT INVOLVEMENT IN EDUCATION CREATED  
13 IN SECTION 22-7-303, C.R.S., AND ITS POWERS, DUTIES, AND FUNCTIONS,  
14 AS IF THE COUNCIL WERE TRANSFERRED BY A **TYPE 2** TRANSFER TO THE  
15 DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION.

16 **SECTION 19.** 2-3-1203 (3), Colorado Revised Statutes, is  
17 amended BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW PARAGRAPH to read:

18 **2-3-1203. Sunset review of advisory committees.** (3) The  
19 following dates are the dates for which the statutory authorization for the  
20 designated advisory committees is scheduled for repeal:

21 (ff) JULY 1, 2019: THE COLORADO STATE ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR  
22 PARENT INVOLVEMENT IN EDUCATION CREATED IN SECTION 22-7-303,  
23 C.R.S.

24 **SECTION 20.** **Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act  
25 shall take effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the  
26 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly that is  
27 allowed for submitting a referendum petition pursuant to article V,

1 section 1 (3) of the state constitution, (August 4, 2009, if adjournment  
2 sine die is on May 6, 2009); except that, if a referendum petition is filed  
3 against this act or an item, section, or part of this act within such period,  
4 then the act, item, section, or part, if approved by the people, shall take  
5 effect on the date of the official declaration of the vote thereon by  
6 proclamation of the governor.