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House Committees
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Senate Committees

A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING ON-LINE PUBLIC ACCESS TO PUBLIC SCHOOL FINANCIAL
102 INFORMATION.

Bill Summary

(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://www.leg.state.co.us/billsummaries>.)

Interim Committee to Study School Finance. This bill enacts the "Public School Financial Transparency Act", which requires school districts, district charter schools, boards of cooperative education, the state charter school institute, and institute charter schools (local education providers) to post financial information on-line, in a downloadable

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.
Capital letters indicate new material to be added to existing statute.
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1 ANOTHER AND EVALUATE BEST PRACTICES THAT MAY RESULT IN
2 EFFICIENCIES AND POTENTIAL COST SAVINGS FOR THEIR SCHOOLS. WHILE
3 ACHIEVING THESE IMPORTANT ENDS THROUGH THE STATEWIDE
4 DISSEMINATION OF PUBLIC SCHOOL FINANCIAL INFORMATION MAY HAVE
5 BEEN CUMBERSOME IN THE PAST, NEW TECHNOLOGIES AND THE EASE WITH
6 WHICH THE PUBLIC CAN ACCESS ELECTRONIC INFORMATION NOW MAKE
7 GREATER TRANSPARENCY IN PUBLIC SCHOOL FINANCES NOT ONLY
8 IMPORTANT BUT PRACTICAL. THEREFORE, IT IS THE INTENT OF THE
9 GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO ENSURE PUBLIC ACCESS TO PUBLIC SCHOOL
10 FINANCIAL INFORMATION THROUGH THE ADOPTION OF THE "PUBLIC
11 SCHOOL FINANCIAL TRANSPARENCY ACT", WHICH DIRECTS PUBLIC
12 SCHOOLS TO POST FINANCIAL INFORMATION ON-LINE, IN A DOWNLOADABLE
13 FORMAT, FOR FREE PUBLIC ACCESS.

14 **22-44-303. Definitions.** AS USED IN THIS PART 3, UNLESS THE
15 CONTEXT OTHERWISE REQUIRES:

16 (1) "DEPARTMENT" MEANS THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
17 CREATED AND OPERATING PURSUANT TO SECTION 24-1-115, C.R.S.

18 (2) "LOCAL EDUCATION PROVIDER" MEANS:

19 (a) A SCHOOL DISTRICT, OTHER THAN A JUNIOR COLLEGE DISTRICT,
20 ORGANIZED AND EXISTING PURSUANT TO LAW;

21 (b) A BOARD OF COOPERATIVE SERVICES CREATED PURSUANT TO
22 ARTICLE 5 OF THIS TITLE;

23 (c) THE STATE CHARTER SCHOOL INSTITUTE ESTABLISHED
24 PURSUANT TO SECTION 22-30.5-503;

25 (d) A DISTRICT CHARTER SCHOOL AUTHORIZED PURSUANT TO PART
26 1 OF ARTICLE 30.5 OF THIS TITLE; OR

27 (e) AN INSTITUTE CHARTER SCHOOL AUTHORIZED PURSUANT TO

1 PART 5 OF ARTICLE 30.5 OF THIS TITLE.

2 **22-44-304. Financial reporting - on-line access to information.**

3 (1) (a) COMMENCING JULY 1, 2010, AND ON A CONTINUING BASIS
4 THEREAFTER, EACH LOCAL EDUCATION PROVIDER SHALL POST THE
5 FOLLOWING INFORMATION ON-LINE, IN A DOWNLOADABLE FORMAT, FOR
6 FREE PUBLIC ACCESS:

7 (I) THE LOCAL EDUCATION PROVIDER'S ANNUAL BUDGET, ADOPTED
8 PURSUANT TO SECTION 22-44-110 (4), COMMENCING WITH THE BUDGET
9 FOR THE 2009-10 BUDGET YEAR;

10 (II) THE LOCAL EDUCATION PROVIDER'S ANNUAL AUDITED
11 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, PREPARED PURSUANT TO SECTION 22-32-109 (1)
12 (k), COMMENCING WITH THE AUDITS PREPARED FOR THE 2009-10 BUDGET
13 YEAR;

14 (III) THE LOCAL EDUCATION PROVIDER'S QUARTERLY FINANCIAL
15 STATEMENTS, AT A MINIMUM, PREPARED PURSUANT TO SECTION
16 22-45-102, COMMENCING WITH THE STATEMENTS FOR THE 2010-11
17 BUDGET YEAR; AND

18 (IV) THE LOCAL EDUCATION PROVIDER'S SALARY SCHEDULES OR
19 POLICIES, ADOPTED PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 22-32-109.4 AND 22-63-401,
20 COMMENCING WITH THOSE APPLICABLE TO THE 2010-11 BUDGET YEAR.

21 (b) ADDITIONALLY, COMMENCING JULY 1, 2011, EACH LOCAL
22 EDUCATION PROVIDER SHALL POST CHECK REGISTERS AND CREDIT, DEBIT,
23 AND PURCHASE CARD STATEMENTS ON-LINE, IN A DOWNLOADABLE
24 FORMAT, FOR FREE PUBLIC ACCESS.

25 (c) ADDITIONALLY, COMMENCING JULY 1, 2012, EACH LOCAL
26 EDUCATION PROVIDER SHALL POST INVESTMENT PERFORMANCE REPORTS
27 OR STATEMENTS ON-LINE, IN A DOWNLOADABLE FORMAT, FOR FREE PUBLIC

1 ACCESS.

2 (2) (a) EACH LOCAL EDUCATION PROVIDER SHALL UPDATE THE
3 INFORMATION SPECIFIED IN SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS SECTION WITHIN SIXTY
4 DAYS AFTER THE LOCAL EDUCATION PROVIDER'S COMPLETION OR RECEIPT
5 OF THE APPLICABLE REPORT, STATEMENT, OR DOCUMENT.

6 (b) A LOCAL EDUCATION PROVIDER SHALL MAINTAIN THE PRIOR
7 TWO BUDGET YEARS' FINANCIAL INFORMATION ON-LINE, IN A
8 DOWNLOADABLE FORMAT, FOR FREE PUBLIC ACCESS, UNTIL THE END OF
9 THE LOCAL EDUCATION PROVIDER'S CURRENT BUDGET YEAR.

10 (3) NO LATER THAN JANUARY 1, 2011, THE FINANCIAL POLICIES
11 AND PROCEDURES ADVISORY COMMITTEE OF THE DEPARTMENT SHALL
12 CREATE A TEMPLATE FOR VOLUNTARY USE BY LOCAL EDUCATION
13 PROVIDERS NEEDING ASSISTANCE WITH THE ON-LINE POSTING OF THE
14 INFORMATION SPECIFIED IN SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS SECTION. THE
15 TEMPLATE MAY INCLUDE BOTH THE TYPE OF ELECTRONIC FILE POSTED AS
16 WELL AS THE INFORMATION TO BE INCLUDED IN THE POSTING.

17 (4) IN ADDITION TO THE INFORMATION REQUIRED IN SUBSECTION
18 (1) OF THIS SECTION, A LOCAL EDUCATION PROVIDER SHALL PROVIDE A
19 LINK TO THE DEPARTMENT'S WEB SITE OR THE LOCATION INFORMATION
20 FOR THE DEPARTMENT'S WEB SITE WHERE A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC MAY
21 ACCESS INFORMATION OR REPORTS THAT ARE SUBMITTED DIRECTLY TO
22 THE DEPARTMENT.

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