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**HOUSE BILL 10-1036**

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**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

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

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**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

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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 ACCOUNTS PAYABLE CHECK REGISTERS  
23 AND CREDIT, DEBIT, AND PURCHASE CARD STATEMENTS ON-LINE, IN A  
24 DOWNLOADABLE 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) NOTHING IN THIS SECTION SHALL DIRECT OR REQUIRE A LOCAL  
3 EDUCATION PROVIDER TO POST ON-LINE, PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (1) OF  
4 THIS SECTION, PERSONAL INFORMATION RELATING TO PAYROLL,  
5 INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS OR  
6 CONTRIBUTIONS, OR ANY OTHER INFORMATION THAT IS CONFIDENTIAL OR  
7 OTHERWISE PROTECTED FROM PUBLIC DISCLOSURE PURSUANT TO STATE OR  
8 FEDERAL LAW.

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

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

17 (4) NO LATER THAN JULY 1, 2010, THE FINANCIAL POLICIES AND  
18 PROCEDURES ADVISORY COMMITTEE OF THE DEPARTMENT SHALL CREATE  
19 A TEMPLATE FOR VOLUNTARY USE BY LOCAL EDUCATION PROVIDERS  
20 NEEDING ASSISTANCE WITH THE ON-LINE POSTING OF THE INFORMATION  
21 SPECIFIED IN SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS SECTION. THE TEMPLATE MAY  
22 INCLUDE BOTH THE TYPE OF ELECTRONIC FILE POSTED AS WELL AS THE  
23 INFORMATION TO BE INCLUDED IN THE POSTING. THE COMMITTEE MAY  
24 TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION ANY EXISTING TEMPLATES OR REPORTS  
25 DEVELOPED BY THE DEPARTMENT FOR PURPOSES OF FINANCIAL  
26 REPORTING.

27 (5) IN ADDITION TO THE INFORMATION REQUIRED IN SUBSECTION

1 (1) OF THIS SECTION, A LOCAL EDUCATION PROVIDER SHALL PROVIDE A  
2 LINK TO THE DEPARTMENT'S WEB SITE OR THE LOCATION INFORMATION  
3 FOR THE DEPARTMENT'S WEB SITE WHERE A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC MAY  
4 ACCESS INFORMATION OR REPORTS THAT ARE SUBMITTED DIRECTLY TO  
5 THE DEPARTMENT.

6 **SECTION 2.** The introductory portion to 22-32-109.4 (3),  
7 Colorado Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

8 **22-32-109.4. "Colorado School Collective Bargaining**  
9 **Agreement Sunshine Act" - board of education - specific duties.**

10 (3) In addition to any other duty required to be performed by law, each  
11 board of education shall cause, within thirty days following August 8,  
12 2001, a true and correct copy of each collective bargaining agreement  
13 entered into by the board of education and in effect as of said date and all  
14 subsequent collective bargaining agreements entered into by the board of  
15 education, within ~~ten~~ THIRTY working days following the date of  
16 ratification of each agreement, to be:

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