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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING ADDITIONAL METHODS FOR PROVIDING INPUT TO  
102 EXECUTIVE BRANCH AGENCIES ABOUT PROPOSED RULES, AND, IN  
103 CONNECTION THEREWITH, DIRECTING AGENCIES TO ESTABLISH  
104 REPRESENTATIVE GROUPS TO EVALUATE AND COMMENT ON  
105 PROPOSED RULES, REQUIRING AGENCIES TO NOTIFY THE  
106 GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF ANY RULE-MAKING THAT RESULTS IN  
107 INCREASES IN FEES OR FINES, AND REQUIRING AGENCIES TO  
108 SUBMIT DEPARTMENTAL REGULATORY AGENDAS TO THE  
109 GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

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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*

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.*

*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>.)*

An executive branch agency of state government considering adopting rules shall establish a representative group of participants with an interest in the subject of the rule-making to submit views or otherwise participate in conferences or to participate in the rule-making hearing on the proposals under consideration. If the agency convenes a representative group prior to issuing a notice of proposed rule-making, the agency shall include the group participants in the notice of the actual rule-making hearing.

If an agency proposes a rule to increase fees or fines, at the time of giving notice of proposed rule-making under the State Administrative Procedure Act or within 10 days following the adoption of an emergency or temporary rule that increases fees or fines, the agency shall send a written or electronic notification to each member of the general assembly notifying the members about the proposed rule or about the adoption of an emergency rule and specifying the amount of the increase in the fees or fines.

Principal departments of state government shall submit a departmental regulatory agenda each November 1 to the legislative council staff for distribution to the applicable oversight committee of reference of the general assembly. The departmental regulatory agenda shall include:

- ! A list of new rules or revisions to existing rules that the department expects to propose during the next calendar year;
- ! The statutory or other basis for adoption of the proposed rules;
- ! The purpose of the proposed rules;
- ! The contemplated schedule for adoption of the rules;
- ! An identification and listing of persons or parties that may be affected positively or negatively by the rules; and
- ! An update and brief summary of all permanent and temporary rules actually adopted since the previous departmental regulatory agenda was filed.

Each principal department shall present its departmental regulatory agenda to the applicable oversight committee of reference of the general assembly during the departmental presentations on strategic plans and performance-based budgeting held during the first 15 days of the legislative session.

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1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-4-102, **add** (14.5)

1 as follows:

2 **24-4-102. Definitions.** As used in this article, unless the context  
3 otherwise requires:

4 (14.5) "REPRESENTATIVE GROUP" MEANS A DIVERSE GROUP  
5 CONVENED BY AN AGENCY PRIOR TO RULE-MAKING OR INVITED TO  
6 PARTICIPATE IN THE RULE-MAKING HEARING TO GIVE INPUT AND TO  
7 COMMENT ON THE EFFECT OF THE PROPOSED RULES. THE GROUP SHOULD  
8 REPRESENT DIFFERENT POINTS OF VIEW AND MAY INCLUDE  
9 REPRESENTATIVES OF PERSONS, BUSINESSES, ADVOCACY GROUPS, TRADE  
10 ASSOCIATIONS, OR THE REGULATED INDUSTRY OR PROFESSION AFFECTED  
11 NEGATIVELY OR POSITIVELY BY PROPOSED RULES.

12 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-4-103, **amend** (2)  
13 and (3) as follows:

14 **24-4-103. Rule-making - procedure - repeal.** (2) When  
15 rule-making is contemplated, public announcement thereof may be made  
16 at such time and in such manner as the agency determines. ~~and~~  
17 ~~opportunity may be afforded interested persons~~ THE AGENCY SHALL  
18 ESTABLISH A REPRESENTATIVE GROUP OF PARTICIPANTS WITH AN INTEREST  
19 IN THE SUBJECT OF THE RULE-MAKING to submit views or otherwise  
20 participate informally in conferences on the proposals under consideration  
21 OR TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PUBLIC RULE-MAKING PROCEEDINGS ON THE  
22 PROPOSED RULES. IN ESTABLISHING THE REPRESENTATIVE GROUP, THE  
23 AGENCY SHALL MAKE EVERY ATTEMPT TO SOLICIT INPUT FROM  
24 REPRESENTATIVES OF EACH OF THE VARIOUS STAKEHOLDER INTERESTS  
25 THAT MAY BE AFFECTED POSITIVELY OR NEGATIVELY BY THE PROPOSED  
26 RULES. IF THE AGENCY CONVENES A REPRESENTATIVE GROUP PRIOR TO  
27 ISSUING A NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE-MAKING AS PROVIDED IN

1 PARAGRAPH (a) OF SUBSECTION (3) OF THIS SECTION, THE AGENCY SHALL  
2 ADD THOSE PERSONS WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE REPRESENTATIVE GROUP  
3 TO THE LIST OF PERSONS WHO RECEIVE NOTIFICATION OF PROPOSED  
4 RULE-MAKING AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (b) OF SUBSECTION (3) OF THIS  
5 SECTION.

6 (3) (a) Notice of proposed rule-making shall be published as  
7 provided in subsection (11) of this section and shall state the time, place,  
8 and nature of public rule-making proceedings that shall not be held less  
9 than twenty days after such publication, the authority under which the rule  
10 is proposed, and either the terms or the substance of the proposed rule or  
11 a description of the subjects and issues involved.

12 (a.5) IF THE AGENCY PROPOSES A RULE TO INCREASE FEES OR  
13 FINES, AT THE TIME OF GIVING NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE-MAKING OR  
14 WITHIN TEN DAYS FOLLOWING THE ADOPTION OF AN EMERGENCY OR  
15 TEMPORARY RULE THAT INCREASES FEES OR FINES, THE AGENCY SHALL  
16 SEND A WRITTEN OR ELECTRONIC NOTIFICATION TO EACH MEMBER OF THE  
17 GENERAL ASSEMBLY NOTIFYING THE MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL  
18 ASSEMBLY OF THE PROPOSED RULE OR THE ADOPTION OF AN EMERGENCY  
19 RULE AND SPECIFYING THE AMOUNT OF THE INCREASE IN THE FEES OR  
20 FINES.

21 (b) Each rule-making agency shall maintain a list of all persons  
22 who request notification of proposed rule-making, including temporary  
23 or emergency rule-making. Any person on such list who requests a copy  
24 of the proposed rules shall submit to the agency a fee that shall be set by  
25 such agency based upon the agency's actual cost of copying and mailing  
26 the proposed rules to such person. All fees collected by the agency are  
27 hereby appropriated to the agency solely for the purpose of defraying such

1 cost. On or before the date of the publication of notice of proposed  
2 rule-making in the Colorado register, the agency shall mail the notice of  
3 proposed rule-making to all persons on such list. If a person requests to  
4 be notified by electronic mail, notice is sufficient by such means if a copy  
5 of the proposed rules is attached or included in the electronic mail or if  
6 the electronic mail provides the location where the proposed rules may be  
7 viewed on the internet. No fees shall be charged for notification by  
8 electronic mail. A person may only request notification on his or her own  
9 behalf, and a request for notification by one person on behalf of another  
10 person need not be honored.

11 **SECTION 3.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 2-7-202, **amend** (2);  
12 and **add** (2.3) as follows:

13 **2-7-202. Definitions.** As used in this part 2, unless the context  
14 otherwise requires:

15 (2) "Department" means the judicial department, the office of  
16 state public defender, the office of alternate defense counsel, the office  
17 of the child's representative, the independent ethics commission, and the  
18 principal departments of the executive branch of state government as  
19 specified in section 24-1-110, C.R.S., including any division, office,  
20 agency, or other unit created within a principal department; EXCEPT THAT,  
21 FOR PURPOSES OF THE REQUIREMENTS OF SECTION 2-7-203 (2) (a) (IV),  
22 "DEPARTMENT" MEANS THE PRINCIPAL DEPARTMENTS OF THE EXECUTIVE  
23 BRANCH OF STATE GOVERNMENT AS SPECIFIED IN SECTION 24-1-110,  
24 C.R.S., INCLUDING ANY DIVISION, OFFICE, AGENCY, OR OTHER UNIT  
25 CREATED WITHIN A PRINCIPAL DEPARTMENT.

26 (2.3) "DEPARTMENTAL REGULATORY AGENDA" MEANS A  
27 DOCUMENT PREPARED BY EACH PRINCIPAL DEPARTMENT OF THE

1 EXECUTIVE BRANCH OF STATE GOVERNMENT AND SUBMITTED TO THE  
2 GENERAL ASSEMBLY AS DESCRIBED IN SECTION 2-7-203 (2) (a) (IV). THE  
3 "DEPARTMENTAL REGULATORY AGENDA" CONTAINS THE FOLLOWING  
4 INFORMATION:

5 (a) A LIST OF NEW RULES OR REVISIONS TO EXISTING RULES THAT  
6 THE DEPARTMENT EXPECTS TO PROPOSE IN THE NEXT CALENDAR YEAR;

7 (b) THE STATUTORY OR OTHER BASIS FOR ADOPTION OF THE  
8 PROPOSED RULES;

9 (c) THE PURPOSE OF THE PROPOSED RULES;

10 (d) THE CONTEMPLATED SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION OF THE RULES;

11 (e) AN IDENTIFICATION AND LISTING OF PERSONS OR PARTIES THAT  
12 MAY BE AFFECTED POSITIVELY OR NEGATIVELY BY THE RULES; AND

13 (f) COMMENCING WITH REGULATORY AGENDAS SUBMITTED ON  
14 AND AFTER NOVEMBER 1, 2013, A LIST AND BRIEF SUMMARY OF ALL  
15 PERMANENT AND TEMPORARY RULES ACTUALLY ADOPTED SINCE THE  
16 PREVIOUS DEPARTMENTAL REGULATORY AGENDA WAS FILED.

17 **SECTION 4.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 2-7-203, **add** (2) (a)  
18 (IV) as follows:

19 **2-7-203. Departmental presentations to legislative committees**  
20 **of reference - departmental regulatory agendas.** (2) (a) (IV) ON  
21 NOVEMBER 1, 2012, AND EACH NOVEMBER 1 THEREAFTER, EACH  
22 DEPARTMENT SHALL FILE A DEPARTMENTAL REGULATORY AGENDA WITH  
23 THE STAFF OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, WHO SHALL DISTRIBUTE THE  
24 DEPARTMENTAL REGULATORY AGENDA TO THE APPLICABLE COMMITTEE  
25 OF REFERENCE PRIOR TO THE DEPARTMENTAL PRESENTATIONS TO THE  
26 COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE. COMMENCING WITH THE FIRST REGULAR  
27 SESSION OF THE SIXTY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND DURING EACH

1 REGULAR SESSION THEREAFTER, DURING THE HEARING AND  
2 DEPARTMENTAL PRESENTATION DESCRIBED IN SUB-SUBPARAGRAPH (A) OF  
3 SUBPARAGRAPH (III) OF THIS PARAGRAPH (a) FOR THAT AGENCY, THE  
4 AGENCY SHALL ALSO PRESENT ITS DEPARTMENTAL REGULATORY AGENDA.

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