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CONCERNING THE CREATION OF A STATEWIDE FIRE FIGHTING RESOURCE  
DATABASE.

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

**SECTION 1. Legislative declaration.** (1) The general assembly hereby finds and declares that:

(a) The coordination of fire fighting resources is a matter of significant concern in Colorado; and

(b) Currently, there is no centralized statewide record of fire fighting resources.

(2) It is the intent of the general assembly that the statewide fire fighting resource database created by this act will:

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*Capital letters indicate new material added to existing statute; dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statutes and such material not part of act.*

(a) Provide a system for the efficient tracking and allocation of fire fighting resources;

(b) Streamline the process of effectively and expeditiously mobilizing required fire fighting resources to requesting agencies in an organized and cost-efficient manner; and

(c) Ensure that requesting agencies receive the proper equipment and qualified personnel they request.

**SECTION 2.** Part 1 of article 33.5 of title 24, Colorado Revised Statutes, is amended BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION to read:

**24-33.5-108. Statewide fire fighting resource database - creation.**

(1) FOR PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, "STATE AND LOCAL FIRE FIGHTING AGENCY" MEANS ANY FIRE DEPARTMENT, FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT, OR FIRE FIGHTING AGENCY OF THE STATE AND ANY OF ITS SUBDIVISIONS AND OF ANY TOWN, CITY, AND CITY AND COUNTY, REGARDLESS OF WHETHER THE PERSONNEL SERVING SUCH DEPARTMENT, DISTRICT, OR AGENCY ARE VOLUNTEERS OR ARE COMPENSATED FOR THEIR SERVICES.

(2) (a) NOT LATER THAN DECEMBER 31, 2001, THE DEPARTMENT, USING ITS OWN COMPUTER RESOURCES, SHALL DEVELOP AND MAINTAIN A CENTRALIZED COMPUTER DATABASE THAT INCLUDES A LISTING OF ALL FIRE FIGHTING RESOURCES LOCATED WITHIN COLORADO.

(b) THE DATABASE CREATED PURSUANT TO PARAGRAPH (a) OF THIS SUBSECTION (2) SHALL CONTAIN APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT INVENTORIES, PERSONNEL COUNTS, RESOURCE STATUS, SUCH OTHER INFORMATION RELEVANT TO THE EFFICIENT TRACKING AND ALLOCATION OF FIRE FIGHTING RESOURCES, AND A LISTING OF ALL SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDING SOURCES AVAILABLE TO STATE AND LOCAL FIRE FIGHTING AGENCIES. THE INFORMATION IN THIS DATABASE SHALL BE INCLUDED WITH THE INFORMATION REQUIRED TO BE COLLECTED AND MAINTAINED PURSUANT TO SECTION 25-1-107 (1) (y), C.R.S. NO DATA GATHERED FOR OR STORED IN THIS DATABASE SHALL CONTAIN PERSONALLY IDENTIFYING INFORMATION WITHOUT PRIOR NOTICE TO THE INVOLVED INDIVIDUAL. THE DATABASE IS NOT INTENDED TO BE USED IN PLACE OF THE EXISTING INTERAGENCY WILD LAND FIRE DISPATCH SYSTEM.

(3) (a) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ENCOURAGE STATE AND LOCAL FIREFIGHTING AGENCIES TO ENTER THE INFORMATION DESCRIBED IN PARAGRAPH (b) OF SUBSECTION (2) OF THIS SECTION INTO THE DATABASE VIA THE INTERNET AND PROVIDE A MEANS FOR SUCH DATA ENTRY. ALL DATA ENTERED INTO THE DATABASE SHALL BE VERIFIABLE BY THE DEPARTMENT. THE DATA SHALL BE UPDATED BY THE STATE AND LOCAL FIREFIGHTING AGENCIES AS NECESSARY.

(b) THE DATABASE SHALL BE ACCESSIBLE VIA THE INTERNET TO ALL STATE AND LOCAL FIRE FIGHTING AGENCIES FOR THE PURPOSE OF EFFICIENTLY TRACKING AND ALLOCATING FIRE FIGHTING RESOURCES IN THE EVENT OF A DISASTER OR LOCAL INCIDENT THAT REQUIRES MORE RESOURCES THAN THOSE AVAILABLE UNDER ANY EXISTING INTERJURISDICTIONAL OR MUTUAL AID ARRANGEMENT.

(4) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ESTABLISH GUIDELINES FOR THE DEVELOPMENT AND MAINTENANCE OF THE DATABASE CREATED PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (2) OF THIS SECTION SO THAT STATE AND LOCAL FIRE FIGHTING AGENCIES CAN EASILY ACCESS THE DATABASE. SUCH GUIDELINES SHALL BE DEVELOPED WITH INPUT BY STATE AND LOCAL FIRE FIGHTING AGENCIES.

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

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