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HOUSE BILL 01-1046

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(None)

House Committees

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING DELIVERY OF INFORMATION REGARDING SCHOOL**
102 **PERFORMANCE.**

Bill Summary

(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not necessarily reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted.)

Requires public schools and school districts to post the most recent school report cards on any website of the school or school district.

Specifies procedures by which public schools shall deliver school report cards to the parents or legal guardians of each student enrolled or initially enrolling in the school. Requires public schools to obtain from the parent or legal guardian of each student enrolled in the school and from the parent or legal guardian of each student initially enrolling in the school a signed statement on a form developed and approved by the state

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.
Capital letters indicate new material to be added to existing statute.
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board of education. Specifies required elements of the statement including:

- An explanation of the procedures for transferring to another public school; and
- An acknowledgment that the parent or legal guardian has read and understands the report card including the comparison of other schools and the procedures for transferring to another public school.

Requires public schools to report to the school district the names and percentages of students whose parents or legal guardians failed to return the signed acknowledgment and the steps being taken to obtain such acknowledgments. Requires the school or school district to retain the acknowledgments as part of the students permanent records.

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

2 **SECTION 1.** 22-7-606 (2), Colorado Revised Statutes, is
3 amended to read:

4 **22-7-606. School report cards - delivery - website - repeal.**

5 (2) (a) The public school shall distribute its annual report card to the
6 parent or legal guardian of each student enrolled in the public school and
7 to any members of the public who request a copy. ON AND AFTER AUGUST
8 15, 2002, EACH PUBLIC SCHOOL THAT HAS A WEBSITE SHALL POST ON THE
9 WEBSITE THE MOST RECENT ANNUAL REPORT CARD. ON AND AFTER
10 AUGUST 15, 2002, EACH SCHOOL DISTRICT THAT HAS A WEBSITE SHALL
11 POST ON THE WEBSITE THE MOST RECENT ANNUAL REPORT CARD FOR EACH
12 PUBLIC SCHOOL WITHIN THE SCHOOL DISTRICT.

13 (b) (I) ON AND AFTER AUGUST 15, 2002, EACH PUBLIC SCHOOL
14 SHALL DISTRIBUTE ITS REPORT CARD TO THE PARENT OR GUARDIAN OF
15 EACH STUDENT ENROLLED IN THE SCHOOL WITHIN TEN DAYS AFTER RECEIPT
16 OF THE REPORT CARDS.

17 (II) ON AND AFTER AUGUST 15, 2002, EACH PUBLIC SCHOOL SHALL
18 REQUIRE THAT A PARENT OR GUARDIAN SIGNS AN ACKNOWLEDGMENT THAT

1 THE PARENT OR GUARDIAN HAS RECEIVED THE REPORT CARD. THE STATE
2 BOARD SHALL DEVELOP AND APPROVE BY RULE THE FORM OF THE
3 ACKNOWLEDGMENT TO BE USED BY EVERY PUBLIC SCHOOL, WHICH SHALL
4 INCLUDE BUT NEED NOT BE LIMITED TO:

5 (A) ACKNOWLEDGMENT THAT THE PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN
6 HAS READ AND UNDERSTANDS THE REPORT CARD;

7 (B) ACKNOWLEDGMENT THAT THE PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN
8 HAS COMPARED THE PERFORMANCE OF THE SCHOOL TO OTHER SCHOOLS OF
9 THE SAME LEVEL IN THE AREA;

10 (C) AN EXPLANATION OF THE PROCEDURES FOR TRANSFERRING A
11 STUDENT TO ANOTHER PUBLIC SCHOOL; AND

12 (D) ACKNOWLEDGMENT THAT THE PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN
13 HAS READ AND UNDERSTANDS THE EXPLANATION FOR TRANSFERRING A
14 STUDENT TO ANOTHER PUBLIC SCHOOL.

15 (III) SUCH ACKNOWLEDGMENTS SHALL BE RECEIVED BACK BY THE
16 PUBLIC SCHOOL WITHIN TWO WEEKS AFTER THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE
17 REPORT CARDS. ON OR BEFORE OCTOBER 1, 2002, AND ON OR BEFORE
18 EACH OCTOBER 1 THEREAFTER, EACH PUBLIC SCHOOL SHALL SUBMIT A
19 REPORT TO THE DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD CONTAINING:

20 (A) THE NAMES OF THE STUDENTS WHOSE PARENTS OR LEGAL
21 GUARDIANS FAILED TO RETURN A SIGNED ACKNOWLEDGMENT PURSUANT TO
22 THIS PARAGRAPH (b);

23 (B) THE PERCENTAGE OF STUDENTS ENROLLED AT THE SCHOOL
24 WHOSE PARENTS OR LEGAL GUARDIANS FAILED TO RETURN A SIGNED
25 ACKNOWLEDGMENT PURSUANT TO THIS PARAGRAPH (b); AND

26 (C) A DESCRIPTION OF THE STEPS BEING TAKEN BY THE SCHOOL TO
27 OBTAIN THE SIGNED ACKNOWLEDGMENT FROM THE PARENTS OR LEGAL

1 GUARDIANS WHO HAVE NOT YET RETURNED ONE.

2 (c) ON AND AFTER AUGUST 15, 2002, WHENEVER A PARENT OR
3 LEGAL GUARDIAN INITIALLY ENROLLS A STUDENT IN A PUBLIC SCHOOL THE
4 PUBLIC SCHOOL SHALL DELIVER TO THE PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN A
5 COPY OF THE SCHOOL'S MOST RECENT SCHOOL REPORT CARD AND RECEIVE
6 BACK A SIGNED ACKNOWLEDGMENT CONTAINING THE INFORMATION
7 REQUIRED BY SUBPARAGRAPH (II) OF PARAGRAPH (b) OF THIS SUBSECTION
8 (2).

9 (d) THE SIGNED ACKNOWLEDGMENTS REQUIRED BY PARAGRAPHS
10 (b) AND (c) OF THIS SUBSECTION (2) SHALL BE CONSIDERED PART OF EACH
11 STUDENT'S PERMANENT RECORD AND SHALL BE RETAINED BY THE SCHOOL
12 OR SCHOOL DISTRICT.

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