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SENATE BILL 01-089

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CONCERNING CLASS SIZES IN KINDERGARTEN THROUGH TWELFTH GRADE
PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

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

SECTION 1. Part 1 of article 2 of title 22, Colorado Revised Statutes, is amended BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION to read:

22-2-114.3. Successful students - legislative declaration - collection and dissemination of class composition data for kindergarten through grade twelve. (1) AS USED IN THIS SECTION:

(a) "CLASS SIZE" MEANS THE AVERAGE NUMBER OF STUDENTS ENROLLED IN A CLASS.

(2) IN COOPERATION WITH SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARDS OF EDUCATION, THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION SHALL ANNUALLY COLLECT AND REPORT

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.

AGGREGATED DATA FROM EACH SCHOOL AND SCHOOL DISTRICT ON CLASS SIZE FOR STUDENTS ENROLLED IN KINDERGARTEN THROUGH GRADE TWELVE. THE DATA SHALL REFLECT CLASS SIZE FOR EACH CLASS SUBJECT AND A TOTAL FOR ALL CLASSES IN THE SCHOOL. FOR THE 2001-02 SCHOOL YEAR, THE CLASS SIZE DATA SHALL ONLY BE COLLECTED AND REPORTED FOR CLASSES IN THE FIRST PRIORITY STATE MODEL CONTENT STANDARD AREAS, AS DESCRIBED IN SECTION 22-7-406 (1) (a). FOR THE 2002-03 SCHOOL YEAR, AND EACH YEAR THEREAFTER, THE DATA SHALL BE COLLECTED AND REPORTED FOR EACH CLASS IN THE FIRST AND SECOND PRIORITY STATE MODEL CONTENT STANDARD AREAS, AS DESCRIBED IN SECTION 22-7-406 (1) (a).

(3) ON OR BEFORE JULY 1, 2002, THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (2) OF THIS SECTION, SHALL PREPARE AND SUBMIT TO THE GOVERNOR AND THE EDUCATION COMMITTEES OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES A REPORT ON CLASS SIZE IN FIRST PRIORITY STATE MODEL CONTENT STANDARD AREA CLASSES, AS DESCRIBED IN SECTION 22-7-406 (1) (a), IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS IN THE STATE.

SECTION 2. 22-2-112 (1), Colorado Revised Statutes, is amended BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW PARAGRAPH to read:

22-2-112. Commissioner - duties. (1) Subject to the supervision of the state board, the commissioner has the following duties:

(p) TO MAINTAIN INFORMATION COLLECTED BY THE STATE BOARD PURSUANT TO SECTION 22-2-114.3, AND TO MAKE THIS INFORMATION AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST BY ANY STATE OR FEDERAL AGENCY OR MEMBER OF THE GENERAL PUBLIC.

SECTION 3. Effective date. This act shall take effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly that is allowed for submitting a referendum petition pursuant to article V, section 1 (3) of the state constitution; except that, if a referendum petition is filed against this act or

an item, section, or part of this act within such period, then the act, item, section, or part, if approved by the people, shall take effect on the date of the official declaration of the vote thereon by proclamation of the governor.

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