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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING DATA REPORTING REQUIREMENTS FOR K-12 SCHOOLS.

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://leg.colorado.gov>.)

The bill requires the department of education (department), on or before June 30, 2026, to conduct an audit on data reporting requirements for schools of school districts, school districts, district charter schools, institute charter schools, and the state charter school institute (local education providers). The audit must include:

- Data that local education providers are required to report to comply with state and federal laws;
- The methods by which data is reported to the department;

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Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material to be added to existing law.
Dashes through the words or numbers indicate deletions from existing law.

- Whether the current data requirements meet the information needs of the state;
- How much time local education providers spend reporting to the department;
- Whether there are more efficient ways to report data to the department, including, but not limited to, consolidating data report submissions, aligning data report submission timelines to limit the number of reports submitted, and using current data systems that already exist to collect relevant information;
- An evaluation of the reporting protocols for local education providers to comply with training requirements; and
- An evaluation of current training requirements regarding reporting data.

On or before December 1, 2026, the department shall submit the results of the data audit recommendations on how to relieve the administrative data collection and reporting burdens on local education providers, and legislative changes that may be required to the education committees of the house of representatives and the senate, or their successor committees.

For school districts and the state charter school institute (institute) that are on a performance or improvement plan, the bill allows a local school board or the institute to submit the performance or improvement plan using a format or template that best meets the school district's or institute's needs, so long as the included plan addresses statutory requirements.

For schools of a school district or district charter schools (district public schools) or institute charter schools that are on a school performance or improvement plan, the bill allows a local school board, on behalf of a district public school, or the institute, on behalf of an institute charter school, to submit the school performance or improvement plan using a format or template that best meets the district public school's or institute charter school's needs, so long as the included plan addresses statutory requirements.

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

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

4 (a) The Colorado education data advisory committee released the
5 results of a survey conducted in the 2017-18 budget year noting that

1 educational data is a valuable asset that promotes transparency and
2 advances student learning and success;

3 (b) The survey stated, however, that increasing data reporting
4 requirements were placing a strain on the resources of local education
5 providers and directing resources away from supporting students;

6 (c) The survey found that:

7 (I) Rural school districts spend twice as much of their overall
8 budget on data reporting than larger school districts; and

9 (II) Since 1998, the cost and effort to submit major data reporting
10 collections has steadily increased and has grown by over 53% in the
11 nearly 20-year time period;

12 (d) Teachers and school leaders must focus their time on student
13 achievement. Data reporting collections that divert time and resources
14 away from this core objective must be rigorously examined and justified.

15 (e) The general assembly must carefully weigh the benefit and
16 value of data reporting requirements on local education providers.

17 (2) The general assembly further finds that:

18 (a) The benefit of data reporting collections must clearly outweigh
19 the burden of completing them;

20 (b) Thoughtful deliberation must take place when the general
21 assembly considers adding new data reporting requirements on local
22 education providers;

23 (c) A voluntary statewide student information system must be
24 considered to ease the data reporting burdens; and

25 (d) A moratorium on additional data reporting collections must be
26 instituted while the department of education conducts a data audit and
27 assessment to evaluate the data reporting requirements that currently

1 exist.

2 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add 22-2-304.5** as
3 follows:

4 **22-2-304.5. Audit - reporting requirements - department -**
5 **definition - report.** (1) AS USED IN THIS SECTION, UNLESS THE CONTEXT
6 OTHERWISE REQUIRES, "LOCAL EDUCATION PROVIDER" MEANS A SCHOOL
7 OF A SCHOOL DISTRICT, A SCHOOL DISTRICT, A DISTRICT CHARTER SCHOOL
8 AUTHORIZED BY A SCHOOL DISTRICT PURSUANT TO PART 1 OF ARTICLE 30.5
9 OF THIS TITLE 22, AN INSTITUTE CHARTER SCHOOL AUTHORIZED BY THE
10 STATE CHARTER SCHOOL INSTITUTE PURSUANT TO PART 5 OF ARTICLE 30.5
11 OF THIS TITLE 22, OR A BOARD OF COOPERATIVE SERVICES CREATED
12 PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 5 OF THIS TITLE 22.

13 (2) ON OR BEFORE JUNE 30, 2026, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL
14 CONDUCT AN AUDIT, MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS, AND IDENTIFY POTENTIAL
15 LEGISLATIVE CHANGES ON THE FOLLOWING:

16 (a) DATA THAT LOCAL EDUCATION PROVIDERS AND THE STATE
17 CHARTER SCHOOL INSTITUTE ARE REQUIRED TO REPORT TO COMPLY WITH
18 STATE AND FEDERAL LAWS;

19 (b) THE METHODS BY WHICH DATA IS REPORTED TO THE
20 DEPARTMENT;

21 (c) WHETHER THE CURRENT DATA REQUIREMENTS MEET THE
22 INFORMATION NEEDS OF THE STATE;

23 (d) HOW MUCH TIME LOCAL EDUCATION PROVIDERS AND THE
24 STATE CHARTER SCHOOL INSTITUTE SPEND REPORTING TO THE
25 DEPARTMENT;

26 (e) WHETHER THERE ARE MORE EFFICIENT WAYS TO REPORT DATA
27 TO THE DEPARTMENT, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, CONSOLIDATING

1 DATA REPORT SUBMISSIONS, ALIGNING DATA REPORT SUBMISSION
2 TIMELINES TO LIMIT THE NUMBER OF REPORTS SUBMITTED, AND USING
3 CURRENT DATA SYSTEMS THAT ALREADY EXIST TO COLLECT RELEVANT
4 INFORMATION;

5 (f) AN EVALUATION OF THE REPORTING PROTOCOLS FOR LOCAL
6 EDUCATION PROVIDERS AND THE STATE CHARTER SCHOOL INSTITUTE TO
7 COMPLY WITH TRAINING REQUIREMENTS; AND

8 (g) AN EVALUATION OF CURRENT TRAINING REQUIREMENTS
9 REGARDING REPORTING DATA.

10 (3) BASED ON THE EVALUATION OUTCOMES DESCRIBED IN
11 SUBSECTION (2)(f) OF THIS SECTION, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL DEVELOP AN
12 ATTESTATION PROCESS AND PROCEDURES FOR LOCAL EDUCATION
13 PROVIDERS AND THE STATE CHARTER SCHOOL INSTITUTE TO VERIFY
14 COMPLETION OF TRAINING REQUIREMENTS.

15 (4) ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 1, 2026, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL
16 SUBMIT THE RESULTS OF THE DATA AUDIT DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (2)
17 OF THIS SECTION, RECOMMENDATIONS ON HOW TO RELIEVE THE
18 ADMINISTRATIVE DATA COLLECTION AND REPORTING BURDENS ON LOCAL
19 EDUCATION PROVIDERS, AND LEGISLATIVE CHANGES THAT MAY BE
20 REQUIRED TO THE EDUCATION COMMITTEES OF THE HOUSE OF
21 REPRESENTATIVES AND THE SENATE, OR THEIR SUCCESSOR COMMITTEES.

22 **SECTION 3.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-11-303, **add** (5)
23 as follows:

24 **22-11-303. Accredited or accredited with distinction -**
25 **performance plan - school district or institute - contents - adoption.**

26 (5) A LOCAL SCHOOL BOARD OR THE INSTITUTE MAY SUBMIT A
27 PERFORMANCE PLAN USING A FORMAT OR TEMPLATE THAT BEST MEETS

1 THE SCHOOL DISTRICT'S OR INSTITUTE'S NEEDS, SO LONG AS THE INCLUDED
2 PLAN ADDRESSES THE STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS OUTLINED IN
3 SUBSECTION (3) OF THIS SECTION. IF THE LOCAL SCHOOL BOARD OR THE
4 INSTITUTE SUBMITS THE PERFORMANCE PLAN USING A FORMAT OR
5 TEMPLATE THAT IS DIFFERENT FROM THE TEMPLATE PROVIDED BY THE
6 DEPARTMENT, THE DEPARTMENT MAY REQUIRE THE LOCAL SCHOOL BOARD
7 OR THE INSTITUTE TO SUBMIT INFORMATION RELATED TO THE
8 PERFORMANCE PLAN VIA A STATEWIDE DATABASE SO THE DEPARTMENT
9 CAN CONDUCT A STATEWIDE ANALYSIS OF THE PERFORMANCE PLAN TO
10 DETERMINE HOW TO BEST DISTRIBUTE STATE RESOURCES AND SUPPORT.

11 **SECTION 4.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-11-304, **add** (4)
12 as follows:

13 **22-11-304. Accredited with improvement plan - school district**
14 **or institute - plan contents - adoption.** (4) A LOCAL SCHOOL BOARD OR
15 THE INSTITUTE MAY SUBMIT AN IMPROVEMENT PLAN USING A FORMAT OR
16 TEMPLATE THAT BEST MEETS THE SCHOOL DISTRICT'S OR INSTITUTE'S
17 NEEDS, SO LONG AS THE INCLUDED PLAN ADDRESSES THE STATUTORY
18 REQUIREMENTS OUTLINED IN SUBSECTION (3) OF THIS SECTION. IF THE
19 LOCAL SCHOOL BOARD OR THE INSTITUTE SUBMITS THE IMPROVEMENT
20 PLAN USING A FORMAT OR TEMPLATE THAT IS DIFFERENT FROM THE
21 TEMPLATE PROVIDED BY THE DEPARTMENT, THE DEPARTMENT MAY
22 REQUIRE THE LOCAL SCHOOL BOARD OR THE INSTITUTE TO SUBMIT
23 INFORMATION RELATED TO THE IMPROVEMENT PLAN VIA A STATEWIDE
24 DATABASE SO THE DEPARTMENT CAN CONDUCT A STATEWIDE ANALYSIS OF
25 THE IMPROVEMENT PLAN TO DETERMINE HOW TO BEST DISTRIBUTE STATE
26 RESOURCES AND SUPPORT.

27 **SECTION 5.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-11-403, **add** (6)

1 as follows:

2 **22-11-403. School performance plan - contents.** (6) A LOCAL
3 SCHOOL BOARD, ON BEHALF OF A DISTRICT PUBLIC SCHOOL, OR THE
4 INSTITUTE, ON BEHALF OF AN INSTITUTE CHARTER SCHOOL, MAY SUBMIT
5 A SCHOOL PERFORMANCE PLAN USING A FORMAT OR TEMPLATE THAT BEST
6 MEETS THE DISTRICT PUBLIC SCHOOL'S OR INSTITUTE CHARTER SCHOOL'S
7 NEEDS, SO LONG AS THE INCLUDED PLAN ADDRESSES THE STATUTORY
8 REQUIREMENTS OUTLINED IN SUBSECTION (3) OF THIS SECTION. IF THE
9 LOCAL SCHOOL BOARD, ON BEHALF OF A DISTRICT PUBLIC SCHOOL, OR THE
10 INSTITUTE, ON BEHALF OF AN INSTITUTE CHARTER SCHOOL, SUBMITS THE
11 SCHOOL PERFORMANCE PLAN USING A FORMAT OR TEMPLATE THAT IS
12 DIFFERENT FROM THE TEMPLATE PROVIDED BY THE DEPARTMENT, THE
13 DEPARTMENT MAY REQUIRE THE LOCAL SCHOOL BOARD, ON BEHALF OF
14 THE DISTRICT PUBLIC SCHOOL, OR THE INSTITUTE, ON BEHALF OF THE
15 INSTITUTE CHARTER SCHOOL, TO SUBMIT INFORMATION RELATED TO THE
16 SCHOOL PERFORMANCE PLAN VIA A STATEWIDE DATABASE SO THE
17 DEPARTMENT CAN CONDUCT A STATEWIDE ANALYSIS OF THE SCHOOL
18 PERFORMANCE PLAN TO DETERMINE HOW TO BEST DISTRIBUTE STATE
19 RESOURCES AND SUPPORT.

20 **SECTION 6.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-11-404, **add** (5)
21 as follows:

22 **22-11-404. School improvement plan - contents.** (5) A LOCAL
23 SCHOOL BOARD, ON BEHALF OF A DISTRICT PUBLIC SCHOOL, OR THE
24 INSTITUTE, ON BEHALF OF AN INSTITUTE CHARTER SCHOOL, MAY SUBMIT
25 A SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN USING A FORMAT OR TEMPLATE THAT BEST
26 MEETS THE DISTRICT PUBLIC SCHOOL'S OR INSTITUTE CHARTER SCHOOL'S
27 NEEDS, SO LONG AS THE INCLUDED PLAN ADDRESSES THE STATUTORY

1 REQUIREMENTS OUTLINED IN SUBSECTION (3) OF THIS SECTION. IF THE
2 LOCAL SCHOOL BOARD, ON BEHALF OF A DISTRICT PUBLIC SCHOOL, OR THE
3 INSTITUTE, ON BEHALF OF AN INSTITUTE CHARTER SCHOOL, SUBMITS THE
4 SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN USING A FORMAT OR TEMPLATE THAT IS
5 DIFFERENT FROM THE TEMPLATE PROVIDED BY THE DEPARTMENT, THE
6 DEPARTMENT MAY REQUIRE THE LOCAL SCHOOL BOARD, ON BEHALF OF
7 THE DISTRICT PUBLIC SCHOOL, OR THE INSTITUTE, ON BEHALF OF THE
8 INSTITUTE CHARTER SCHOOL, TO SUBMIT INFORMATION RELATED TO THE
9 SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN VIA A STATEWIDE DATABASE SO THE
10 DEPARTMENT CAN CONDUCT A STATEWIDE ANALYSIS OF THE SCHOOL
11 IMPROVEMENT PLAN TO DETERMINE HOW TO BEST DISTRIBUTE STATE
12 RESOURCES AND SUPPORT.

13 **SECTION 7. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act
14 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the
15 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly; except
16 that, if a referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V
17 of the state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this
18 act within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take
19 effect unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in
20 November 2026 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the
21 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.