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SENATE BILL 25-050

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Senate Committees

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House Committees

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING A REQUIREMENT THAT A GOVERNMENT FORM THAT  
102 REQUESTS DISCLOSURE OF THE RACE OR ETHNICITY OF THE  
103 INDIVIDUAL COMPLETING THE FORM INCLUDE A SPACE TO  
104 INDICATE THAT THE INDIVIDUAL'S RACE OR ETHNICITY IS  
105 MIDDLE EASTERN, NORTH AFRICAN, OR SOUTH ASIAN.

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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 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 a form issued by the state or a local government that requests that the individual completing the form disclose the

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individual's race or ethnicity to include, in addition to spaces for any other racial or ethnic categories required by the federal office of management and budget, a space to indicate if the individual's race or ethnicity is Middle Eastern, North African, or South Asian.

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** article 18.2 to  
3 title 24 as follows:

4 **ARTICLE 18.2**

5 **Demographic Information**

6 **24-18.2-101. Collection of demographic information - required**  
7 **categories - definition.** (1) AS USED IN THIS SECTION, UNLESS THE  
8 CONTEXT OTHERWISE REQUIRES, "STATE" MEANS THE GOVERNMENT OF  
9 THIS STATE, AND EVERY STATE DEPARTMENT, AGENCY, BOARD,  
10 COMMISSION, INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION, SPECIAL PURPOSE  
11 AUTHORITY, AS DEFINED IN SECTION 24-77-102 (15), OR AUTHORIZED  
12 AGENT OF THE STATE.

13 (2) A FORM ISSUED BY THE STATE OR A STATE AGENCY THAT  
14 REQUESTS THAT THE INDIVIDUAL COMPLETING THE FORM DISCLOSE THE  
15 INDIVIDUAL'S RACE OR ETHNICITY MUST INCLUDE, IN ADDITION TO SPACES  
16 FOR ANY OTHER RACIAL OR ETHNIC CATEGORIES REQUIRED BY THE  
17 FEDERAL OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET, A SPACE TO INDICATE  
18 THAT THE INDIVIDUAL'S RACE OR ETHNICITY IS MIDDLE EASTERN, NORTH  
19 AFRICAN, OR SOUTH ASIAN.

20 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** article 11.2 to  
21 title 29 as follows:

22 **ARTICLE 11.2**

23 **Demographic Information**

1           **29-11.2-101. Collection of demographic information - required**

2           **categories - definition.** (1) AS USED IN THIS SECTION, UNLESS THE  
3           CONTEXT OTHERWISE REQUIRES, "LOCAL GOVERNMENT" MEANS:

4           (a) A COUNTY, CITY AND COUNTY, MUNICIPALITY, SCHOOL  
5           DISTRICT, SPECIAL DISTRICT, OR OTHER POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OF THE  
6           STATE;

7           (b) AN AGENCY, INSTITUTION, AUTHORITY, OR AUTHORIZED AGENT  
8           OF SUCH A COUNTY, CITY AND COUNTY, MUNICIPALITY, SCHOOL DISTRICT,  
9           SPECIAL DISTRICT, OR OTHER POLITICAL SUBDIVISION; AND

10          (c) AN AUTHORIZED AGENT OF ANY ENTITY LISTED IN SUBSECTION  
11          (1)(a) OR (1)(b) OF THIS SECTION.

12          (2) A FORM ISSUED BY A LOCAL GOVERNMENT THAT REQUESTS  
13          THAT THE INDIVIDUAL COMPLETING THE FORM DISCLOSE THE INDIVIDUAL'S  
14          RACE OR ETHNICITY MUST INCLUDE, IN ADDITION TO SPACES FOR ANY  
15          OTHER RACIAL OR ETHNIC CATEGORIES REQUIRED BY THE FEDERAL OFFICE  
16          OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET, A SPACE TO INDICATE IF THE INDIVIDUAL'S  
17          RACE OR ETHNICITY IS MIDDLE EASTERN, NORTH AFRICAN, OR SOUTH  
18          ASIAN.

19           **SECTION 3. Act subject to petition - effective date -**

20           **applicability.** (1) This act takes effect September 1, 2025; except that,  
21           if a referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of  
22           the state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act  
23           within the ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general  
24           assembly, then the act, item, section, or part will not take effect unless  
25           approved by the people at the general election to be held in November  
26           2026 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the official  
27           declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.

1           (2) This act applies to state and local government forms that  
2 request that the individual completing the form disclose the individual's  
3 race or ethnicity and that are provided to individuals for completion on or  
4 after the applicable effective date of this act.