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STATE OF COLORADO**

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**HOUSE BILL 26-1094**

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**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

101      **CONCERNING PROPOSED GUIDANCE POLICIES DEVELOPED BY THE**  
102              **DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH,**  
103              **CREATING THE COLORADO SCHOOL DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENTS**  
104              **COUNCIL.**

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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 creates the Colorado school district superintendents council (council) in the department of education (department) to coordinate with school districts regarding proposed guidance policies

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*Dashes through the words or numbers indicate deletions from existing law.*

developed by the department and to cooperate with and secure the assistance of school districts in formulating, coordinating, and recommending guidance policies to the department.

The department is required to send the council proposed guidance policies, and the council shall review, discuss, and vote on the proposed guidance policies within 45 days after receiving the policies. The proposed guidance policies must not go into effect until the council has taken formal action by a majority vote on the policies. The department is required to consider and incorporate the council's recommendations involving department guidance policies that impact local control.

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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** 22-1-151 as  
3 follows:

4 **22-1-151. Colorado school district superintendents council -**  
5 **creation - duties and powers - membership - definitions.**

6 (1) AS USED IN THIS SECTION, UNLESS THE CONTEXT OTHERWISE  
7 REQUIRES:

8 (a) "COUNCIL" MEANS THE COLORADO SCHOOL DISTRICT  
9 SUPERINTENDENTS COUNCIL CREATED IN SUBSECTION (2) OF THIS SECTION.

10 (b) "DEPARTMENT" MEANS THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION.

11 (c) "SCHOOL DISTRICT" HAS THE SAME MEANING SET FORTH IN  
12 SECTION 22-30-103.

13 (d) "SUPERINTENDENT" MEANS THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER  
14 EMPLOYED TO ADMINISTER THE AFFAIRS AND THE PROGRAMS OF A SCHOOL  
15 DISTRICT PURSUANT TO SECTION 22-32-110 (1)(g).

16 (2) THE COLORADO SCHOOL DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENTS COUNCIL  
17 IS CREATED IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION. THE COUNCIL SHALL  
18 COORDINATE WITH SCHOOL DISTRICTS REGARDING PROPOSED GUIDANCE  
19 POLICIES DEVELOPED BY THE DEPARTMENT AND COOPERATE WITH AND  
20 SECURE THE ASSISTANCE OF SCHOOL DISTRICTS IN FORMULATING,

1 COORDINATING, AND RECOMMENDING GUIDANCE POLICIES TO THE  
2 DEPARTMENT.

3 (3) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL SEND THE COUNCIL ALL PROPOSED  
4 GUIDANCE POLICIES, INCLUDING REVISED GUIDANCE POLICIES, AND THE  
5 COUNCIL SHALL REVIEW, DISCUSS, AND VOTE ON THE PROPOSED GUIDANCE  
6 POLICIES WITHIN FORTY-FIVE DAYS AFTER RECEIVING THE POLICIES FROM  
7 THE DEPARTMENT. THE PROPOSED GUIDANCE POLICIES MUST NOT GO INTO  
8 EFFECT UNTIL THE COUNCIL HAS TAKEN FORMAL ACTION BY A MAJORITY  
9 VOTE ON THE POLICIES. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL CONSIDER AND  
10 INCORPORATE THE COUNCIL'S RECOMMENDATIONS INVOLVING  
11 DEPARTMENT GUIDANCE POLICIES THAT IMPACT LOCAL CONTROL.

12 (4) THE COUNCIL HAS THE FOLLOWING POWERS:

13 (a) TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FOR  
14 FUNDING NEEDED TO COMPLY WITH THE COUNCIL'S PURPOSE AND TO  
15 EXPEND MONEY IN COMPLIANCE WITH STATE REGULATIONS;

16 (b) TO SEEK, ACCEPT, AND EXPEND GIFTS, GRANTS, AND  
17 DONATIONS FOR USE IN FURTHERING THE COUNCIL'S PURPOSE;

18 (c) TO MAKE LEGISLATIVE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE STATE  
19 BOARD OF EDUCATION AND THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY;

20 (d) TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE DEPARTMENT  
21 REGARDING ESTABLISHED DEPARTMENT GUIDANCE POLICIES AND  
22 PROPOSED GUIDANCE POLICIES PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (3) OF THIS  
23 SECTION;

24 (e) TO FORM COMMITTEES, AS NEEDED, TO RESPOND TO AND  
25 ADDRESS THE NEEDS OF SCHOOL DISTRICTS; AND

26 (f) TO SUBMIT COUNCIL RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE HOUSE OF  
27 REPRESENTATIVES EDUCATION COMMITTEE AND THE SENATE EDUCATION

1 COMMITTEE, OR THEIR SUCCESSOR COMMITTEES, BY DECEMBER 31 OF  
2 EACH YEAR, IF APPLICABLE.

3 (5) (a) THE COUNCIL CONSISTS OF THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS:

4 (I) FIVE SCHOOL DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENTS, OR THE  
5 SUPERINTENDENT'S DESIGNEE, WHO SERVE FEWER THAN SIX THOUSAND  
6 STUDENTS, APPOINTED BY A STATEWIDE ENTITY THAT REPRESENTS SCHOOL  
7 DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENTS;

8 (II) FIVE SCHOOL DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENTS, OR THE  
9 SUPERINTENDENT'S DESIGNEE, WHO SERVE SIX THOUSAND STUDENTS OR  
10 MORE, APPOINTED BY A STATEWIDE ENTITY THAT REPRESENTS SCHOOL  
11 DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENTS; AND

12 (III) ONE REPRESENTATIVE FROM A STATEWIDE ENTITY THAT  
13 REPRESENTS SCHOOL DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENTS, APPOINTED BY THE  
14 GOVERNOR.

15 (b) THE COUNCIL MAY APPOINT THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS, AS THE  
16 COUNCIL DEEMS APPROPRIATE, IN ORDER TO RESPOND TO SCHOOL  
17 DISTRICTS:

18 (I) REPRESENTATIVES OF FEDERAL, STATE, OR LOCAL  
19 GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES, WHO ARE NONVOTING MEMBERS; AND

20 (II) REPRESENTATIVES OF NONGOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES THAT  
21 HANDLE ISSUES FACING SCHOOL DISTRICTS, WHO ARE NONVOTING  
22 ADVISORY MEMBERS.

23 (c) THE COUNCIL MAY CONSULT WITH OTHER INDIVIDUALS AS THE  
24 COUNCIL DEEMS APPROPRIATE, INCLUDING REPRESENTATIVES OF OTHER  
25 PRINCIPAL DEPARTMENTS OF STATE GOVERNMENT, POLITICAL  
26 SUBDIVISIONS OF THE STATE, ORGANIZATIONS WITH EXPERIENCE IN  
27 SCHOOL DISTRICT MATTERS, OR OTHER SIMILAR ENTITIES.

1           (6) (a) THE COUNCIL SHALL SELECT A CHAIR AND THE CHAIR SHALL  
2 CALL THE FIRST MEETING OF THE COUNCIL. THE COUNCIL SHALL MEET AT  
3 LEAST QUARTERLY AND AT ANY OTHER TIME THE COUNCIL DEEMS  
4 NECESSARY. A MEETING MAY BE CALLED BY THE COUNCIL CHAIR OR BY A  
5 PETITION SIGNED BY A MAJORITY OF THE VOTING MEMBERS OF THE  
6 COUNCIL. THE MEMBER WHO PROVIDES NOTICE OF THE MEETING SHALL  
7 PROVIDE MEMBERS WITH AT LEAST TEN DAYS' WRITTEN NOTICE PRIOR TO  
8 THE MEETING DATE.

9           (b) A MEETING MUST NOT CONVENE UNTIL A QUORUM IS PRESENT  
10 CONSISTING OF A SIMPLE MAJORITY OF THE VOTING MEMBERS. A MEMBER  
11 OF THE COMMITTEE SHALL NOT VOTE BY PROXY.

12           **SECTION 2. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act  
13 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the  
14 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly (August  
15 12, 2026, if adjournment sine die is on May 13, 2026); except that, if a  
16 referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the  
17 state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act  
18 within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take effect  
19 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.