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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.**

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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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.

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.

