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HOUSE BILL 17-1191

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING A REQUIREMENT THAT STAFF OF THE LEGISLATIVE**
102 **COUNCIL PREPARE DEMOGRAPHIC NOTES ON CERTAIN**
103 **LEGISLATIVE BILLS.**

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 staff of the legislative council to prepare demographic notes on legislative bills in each regular session of the general assembly. The speaker of the house of representatives, the minority leader of the house of representatives, the president of the senate, and the minority leader of the senate are authorized to request 5

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.
Capital letters indicate new material to be added to existing statute.
Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.

demographic notes each, or more at the discretion of the director of research of the legislative council.

The bill requires the staff of the legislative council to meet with the member of leadership requesting the demographic note and with the sponsor of the legislative bill to discuss whether a demographic note can practically be completed for that legislative bill. If not, the member of leadership may request a demographic note, within the limits specified in the bill, on a different legislative bill that might be more conducive to a demographic note's analysis.

A demographic note is defined as a note that uses available data to outline the potential disparate effects of a legislative measure on various populations within the state. Populations may be identified by race, gender, disability, age, geography, income, or any other relevant characteristic for which data are available.

The bill requires the director of research to develop the procedures for requesting, completing, and updating the demographic notes and to memorialize the procedures in a letter to the executive committee of the legislative council.

Finally, the bill requires each state department, agency, or institution to cooperate with and provide information for a demographic note of a legislative bill in the manner requested by the staff of the legislative council.

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 2-2-322.5 as
3 follows:

4 **2-2-322.5. Demographic notes - definition.**

5 (1) (a) COMMENCING WITH THE SECOND REGULAR SESSION OF THE
6 SEVENTY-FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND DURING EACH REGULAR SESSION
7 THEREAFTER, THE STAFF OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL SHALL PREPARE
8 DEMOGRAPHIC NOTES ON LEGISLATIVE BILLS AS SPECIFIED IN SUBSECTION
9 (1)(b) OF THIS SECTION.

10 (b) THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, THE
11 MINORITY LEADER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, THE PRESIDENT OF
12 THE SENATE, AND THE MINORITY LEADER OF THE SENATE MAY EACH
13 REQUEST THE PREPARATION OF A DEMOGRAPHIC NOTE ON UP TO FIVE

1 LEGISLATIVE BILLS, OR MORE AT THE DISCRETION OF THE DIRECTOR OF
2 RESEARCH OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

3 (c) PRIOR TO COMMENCING WORK ON A DEMOGRAPHIC NOTE, THE
4 STAFF OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL SHALL MEET WITH THE MEMBER OF
5 LEADERSHIP REQUESTING THE DEMOGRAPHIC NOTE AND WITH THE
6 SPONSOR OF THE LEGISLATIVE BILL TO DISCUSS WHETHER A DEMOGRAPHIC
7 NOTE CAN PRACTICALLY BE COMPLETED FOR THAT LEGISLATIVE BILL. IF
8 NOT, THE MEMBER OF LEADERSHIP MAY REQUEST A DEMOGRAPHIC NOTE,
9 WITHIN THE LIMITS SPECIFIED IN SUBSECTION (1)(b) OF THIS SECTION, ON
10 A DIFFERENT LEGISLATIVE BILL THAT MIGHT BE MORE CONDUCTIVE TO A
11 DEMOGRAPHIC NOTE'S ANALYSIS.

12 (d) NO LATER THAN DECEMBER 1, 2017, THE DIRECTOR OF
13 RESEARCH OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL SHALL DEVELOP THE
14 PROCEDURES FOR REQUESTING, COMPLETING, AND UPDATING THE
15 DEMOGRAPHIC NOTES AND SUCH PROCEDURES MUST BE MEMORIALIZED IN
16 A LETTER TO THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

17 (2) FOR PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, "DEMOGRAPHIC NOTE" MEANS
18 A NOTE THAT USES AVAILABLE DATA TO OUTLINE THE POTENTIAL
19 DISPARATE EFFECTS OF A LEGISLATIVE MEASURE ON VARIOUS
20 POPULATIONS WITHIN THE STATE. POPULATIONS MAY BE IDENTIFIED BY
21 RACE, GENDER, DISABILITY, AGE, GEOGRAPHY, INCOME, OR ANY OTHER
22 RELEVANT CHARACTERISTIC FOR WHICH DATA ARE AVAILABLE.

23 (3)(a) EACH STATE DEPARTMENT, AGENCY, OR INSTITUTION SHALL
24 COOPERATE WITH AND PROVIDE INFORMATION FOR A DEMOGRAPHIC NOTE
25 ON A LEGISLATIVE BILL IN THE MANNER REQUESTED BY THE STAFF OF THE
26 LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

27 (b) THE STATE DEPARTMENT, AGENCY, OR INSTITUTION SHALL

1 MEET THE DEADLINES ESTABLISHED BY THE STAFF OF THE LEGISLATIVE
2 COUNCIL FOR PROVIDING A RESPONSE TO A REQUEST FOR INFORMATION
3 MADE PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (3)(a) OF THIS SECTION OR SHALL
4 SPECIFY THE NEED FOR ADDITIONAL TIME TO PROVIDE THE RESPONSE. IF
5 ADDITIONAL TIME IS REQUIRED TO RESPOND TO THE REQUEST FOR
6 INFORMATION, THE STAFF OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL SHALL SET A
7 REASONABLE TIME FOR PROVIDING THE INFORMATION.

8 **SECTION 2. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act
9 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the
10 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly (August
11 9, 2017, if adjournment sine die is on May 10, 2017); except that, if a
12 referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the
13 state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act
14 within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take effect
15 unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in
16 November 2018 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the
17 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.