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101 **CONCERNING ACHIEVING A VISION FOR EDUCATION IN COLORADO.**

Bill Summary

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The bill creates a strategic planning legislative steering committee (steering committee) to lead the statewide effort to establish a vision for education in the state (vision) and create a strategic statewide education plan (strategic plan) to achieve the vision. The bill creates an executive advisory board consisting of representatives from the departments of education and higher education, a co-chair of the early childhood leadership commission, and a representative from the governor's office. The chair and vice-chair of the steering committee will appoint a

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1 (a) A HIGHLY EFFECTIVE SYSTEM FOR PROVIDING AND ACCESSING
2 EDUCATION IS THE CORNERSTONE OF SOCIETY; IF THE CHILDREN OF
3 COLORADO ARE NOT WELL EDUCATED, COLORADO CANNOT BE
4 SUCCESSFUL ECONOMICALLY OR AS A FREE AND INDEPENDENT SOCIETY;

5 (b) THE TWENTY-FIRST-CENTURY WORLD IS FIERCELY
6 COMPETITIVE; A WORLD-CLASS, HIGHLY EFFECTIVE
7 TWENTY-FIRST-CENTURY LEARNING SYSTEM IS THE KEY TO COLORADO'S
8 ECONOMIC SUCCESS;

9 (c) COLORADO'S EXISTING EDUCATION SYSTEM MUST MEET THE
10 NEEDS OF ITS STUDENTS AND FAMILIES. DESPITE AREAS OF SUCCESS
11 WITHIN THE STATE, STUDENT ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT IS GENERALLY
12 MEDIOCRE. HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES TOO OFTEN DO NOT HAVE THE
13 SKILLS THEY NEED TO SUCCEED IN POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION OR TO
14 COMPETE IN A GLOBAL JOB MARKET.

15 (d) COLORADO'S EXISTING EDUCATION SYSTEM MUST MEET THE
16 NEEDS OF THE STATE'S BUSINESS AND INDUSTRIAL COMMUNITY. THE
17 SYSTEM GENERALLY DOES NOT PRODUCE THE HIGHLY SKILLED
18 WORKFORCE THAT IS CRUCIAL TO THE SUCCESS OF BUSINESS AND
19 INDUSTRY IN COLORADO.

20 (e) THE AMOUNT OF EDUCATION FUNDING AND THE LOCAL TAX
21 BURDEN VARY WIDELY AMONG SCHOOL DISTRICTS BECAUSE OF
22 DIFFERENCES IN THE AMOUNT OF REAL PROPERTY ASSESSED VALUATION;
23 IN RECENT ELECTIONS, VOTERS HAVE BEEN UNWILLING TO BALANCE LOCAL
24 FUNDING WITH INCREASED AMOUNTS OF STATE RESOURCES FOR
25 EDUCATION.

26 (2) THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FURTHER FINDS THAT:

27 (a) TO CREATE A HIGHLY FUNCTIONING, WORLD-CLASS,

1 TWENTY-FIRST-CENTURY LEARNING SYSTEM, THE STATE MUST CREATE A
2 VISION OF THE LEARNING SYSTEM AS A WHOLE; ALL FACETS AND STAGES
3 OF PROVIDING EDUCATION WITHIN THE STATE MUST BE INTEGRATED AND
4 COHERENT. TRYING TO ADDRESS PIECES OF THE LEARNING SYSTEM
5 INDIVIDUALLY WITHOUT CONSIDERING THE EFFECT EACH HAS ON THE
6 WHOLE IS NEITHER SUFFICIENT NOR EFFECTIVE.

7 (b) IN CREATING A VISION FOR EDUCATION IN COLORADO, THE
8 STATE MUST CONSIDER THE KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS THAT STUDENTS IN
9 THE GRADUATING CLASS OF 2030 WILL NEED TO COMPETE ECONOMICALLY
10 ON A GLOBAL BASIS AND REACH THEIR FULL POTENTIAL AS CITIZENS OF
11 THE STATE AND HOW THE STATE WILL ENSURE THAT EVERY STUDENT
12 ATTAINS THIS KNOWLEDGE AND THESE SKILLS EFFECTIVELY AND
13 EFFICIENTLY;

14 (c) COLORADO MUST HAVE A STRATEGIC STATEWIDE EDUCATION
15 PLAN TO IMPLEMENT THE VISION. THE STRATEGIC PLAN MUST ENCOMPASS
16 POLICIES AND ELEMENTS OF THE LEARNING SYSTEM FROM EARLY
17 LEARNING THROUGH POSTGRADUATE DEGREES AND ENSURE THAT THESE
18 POLICIES AND ELEMENTS REMAIN ALIGNED AND MUTUALLY SUPPORTIVE
19 THROUGHOUT IMPLEMENTATION OF THE STRATEGIC PLAN.

20 (d) THE STRATEGIC STATEWIDE EDUCATION PLAN MUST BE
21 STUDENT-CENTERED AND DESIGNED TO ENSURE FLEXIBILITY AND EQUITY
22 OF EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY AND FUNDING FOR EVERY STUDENT IN THE
23 STATE;

24 (e) COLORADO ALSO NEEDS A STRATEGIC STATEWIDE EDUCATION
25 PLAN TO PROVIDE A CONTEXT FOR ANALYZING AND ACCEPTING OR
26 REJECTING NEW EDUCATION TECHNOLOGIES AND OTHER INNOVATIONS
27 AND IDEAS FOR DELIVERING EDUCATION THAT ARE NOW DEVELOPING AND

1 WILL CONTINUE TO ADVANCE; AND

2 (f) TO IMPLEMENT A STRATEGIC STATEWIDE EDUCATION PLAN
3 WITH INTEGRITY AND CONSISTENCY ACROSS YEARS, PARENTS, EDUCATORS,
4 SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS, SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARDS OF EDUCATION,
5 INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION, THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY, AND
6 OTHER EDUCATION ADVOCATES, THROUGHOUT THE STATE, AND ALL
7 STATE-LEVEL EDUCATION POLICY MAKERS MUST SUPPORT THE STRATEGIC
8 STATEWIDE EDUCATION PLAN. ACCOMPLISHING THIS LEVEL OF SUPPORT
9 REQUIRES THAT ALL PERSONS WHO HAVE AN INTEREST IN ENSURING THAT
10 THE STATE'S TWENTY-FIRST-CENTURY LEARNING SYSTEM IS HIGHLY
11 EFFECTIVE AND GLOBALLY COMPETITIVE HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO BE
12 INVOLVED IN CREATING THE STRATEGIC STATEWIDE EDUCATION PLAN.

13 (3) THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FINDS, THEREFORE, THAT IT IS
14 IMPERATIVE TO CREATE AN ENDURING, COMPREHENSIVE, AND INCLUSIVE
15 STRUCTURE AND PROCESS FOR ESTABLISHING A VISION FOR EDUCATION IN
16 COLORADO AND FOR CREATING A STRATEGIC STATEWIDE EDUCATION PLAN
17 FOR ACHIEVING THAT VISION.

18 **22-1-202. Definitions.** AS USED IN THIS PART 2, UNLESS THE
19 CONTEXT OTHERWISE REQUIRES:

20 (1) "ADVISORY BOARDS" MEANS THE EXECUTIVE ADVISORY BOARD
21 AND THE STATEWIDE ADVISORY BOARD CREATED IN SECTION 22-1-204.

22 (2) "EDUCATION COMMITTEES" MEANS THE EDUCATION
23 COMMITTEES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND THE SENATE, OR
24 ANY SUCCESSOR COMMITTEES.

25 (3) "STEERING COMMITTEE" MEANS THE STRATEGIC PLANNING
26 LEGISLATIVE STEERING COMMITTEE CREATED IN SECTION 22-1-203.

27 (4) "STRATEGIC PLAN" MEANS THE STRATEGIC STATEWIDE

1 EDUCATION PLAN.

2 **22-1-203. Strategic planning legislative steering committee -**

3 **created - membership.** (1) THERE IS CREATED IN THE LEGISLATIVE
4 DEPARTMENT THE STRATEGIC PLANNING LEGISLATIVE STEERING
5 COMMITTEE FOR CREATING A VISION FOR EDUCATION IN COLORADO AND
6 CREATING A STRATEGIC STATEWIDE EDUCATION PLAN. THE STEERING
7 COMMITTEE, WORKING WITH THE EXECUTIVE ADVISORY BOARD AND THE
8 STATEWIDE ADVISORY BOARD CREATED IN SECTION 22-1-204, SHALL
9 ESTABLISH THE STRUCTURE AND PROCESS FOR CREATING THE VISION FOR
10 EDUCATION AND THE STRATEGIC PLAN AND SHALL OVERSEE THE ONGOING
11 IMPLEMENTATION OF THE STRATEGIC PLAN AS PROVIDED IN SECTION
12 22-1-206.

13 (2) THE STEERING COMMITTEE CONSISTS OF TWELVE MEMBERS OF
14 THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AS FOLLOWS:

15 (a) THE CHAIRS OF THE EDUCATION COMMITTEES OR THEIR
16 DESIGNEES;

17 (b) TWO MEMBERS OF THE JOINT BUDGET COMMITTEE OF THE
18 GENERAL ASSEMBLY, ONE APPOINTED BY THE CHAIR OF THE JOINT BUDGET
19 COMMITTEE AND ONE APPOINTED BY THE VICE-CHAIR OF THE JOINT
20 BUDGET COMMITTEE;

21 (c) FOUR MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, TWO
22 APPOINTED BY THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND
23 TWO APPOINTED BY THE MINORITY LEADER OF THE HOUSE OF
24 REPRESENTATIVES; AND

25 (d) FOUR MEMBERS OF THE SENATE, TWO APPOINTED BY THE
26 PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE AND TWO APPOINTED BY THE MINORITY LEADER
27 OF THE SENATE.

1 (3) THE TEN APPOINTED MEMBERS OF THE STEERING COMMITTEE
2 SHALL BE APPOINTED NO LATER THAN TEN DAYS AFTER THE CONVENING
3 OF THE FIRST REGULAR SESSION OF EACH GENERAL ASSEMBLY; EXCEPT
4 THAT THE MEMBERS FIRST APPOINTED SHALL BE APPOINTED NO LATER
5 THAN JULY 1, 2017. MEMBERSHIP ON THE STEERING COMMITTEE OF EACH
6 APPOINTED MEMBER TERMINATES UPON THE APPOINTMENT OF HIS OR HER
7 SUCCESSOR OR UPON TERMINATION OF A MEMBER'S TERM OF OFFICE IN THE
8 GENERAL ASSEMBLY, WHICHEVER FIRST OCCURS. THE MEMBERSHIP OF AN
9 EDUCATION COMMITTEE CHAIR TERMINATES UPON THE TERMINATION OF
10 HIS OR HER TERM OF OFFICE IN THE DESIGNATED POSITION. A MEMBER MAY
11 BE APPOINTED TO SUCCEED HIMSELF OR HERSELF ON THE STEERING
12 COMMITTEE. THE APPROPRIATE APPOINTING AUTHORITIES SHALL FILL
13 VACANCIES IN THE STEERING COMMITTEE'S MEMBERSHIP IN THE SAME
14 MANNER AS ORIGINAL APPOINTMENTS.

15 (4) (a) THE CHAIRS OF THE EDUCATION COMMITTEES SHALL
16 JOINTLY CALL THE FIRST MEETING OF THE STEERING COMMITTEE NO LATER
17 THAN AUGUST 1, 2017. THE STEERING COMMITTEE SHALL MEET AT THE
18 CALL OF THE CHAIR AS OFTEN AS NECESSARY TO COMPLETE ITS DUTIES.

19 (b) THE STEERING COMMITTEE SHALL ANNUALLY SELECT FROM
20 AMONG ITS MEMBERS A CHAIR AND A VICE-CHAIR WHO ARE NOT MEMBERS
21 OF THE SAME PARTY.

22 (5) AT THE REQUEST OF THE CHAIR OF THE STEERING COMMITTEE,
23 THE DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE LEGAL SERVICES, THE
24 DIRECTOR OF RESEARCH OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, AND THE DIRECTOR
25 OF THE JOINT BUDGET COMMITTEE STAFF SHALL PROVIDE STAFF
26 ASSISTANCE TO THE STEERING COMMITTEE. AT THE REQUEST OF THE CHAIR
27 OF THE STEERING COMMITTEE, A STATE DEPARTMENT SHALL PROVIDE

1 RESEARCH OR INFORMATION TO SUPPORT THE WORK OF THE STEERING
2 COMMITTEE.

3 (6) (a) THE MEMBERS OF THE STEERING COMMITTEE SHALL
4 RECEIVE COMPENSATION AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 2-2-326.
5 COMPENSATION FOR MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND FOR
6 STAFF ASSISTANCE TO THE STEERING COMMITTEE AND ADVISORY BOARDS
7 PROVIDED BY THE DIRECTOR OF RESEARCH OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL,
8 THE DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE LEGAL SERVICES, AND THE
9 DIRECTOR OF THE JOINT BUDGET COMMITTEE STAFF MUST BE APPROVED BY
10 THE CHAIR OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AND PAID BY VOUCHERS AND
11 WARRANTS DRAWN AS PROVIDED BY LAW FROM MONEY APPROPRIATED
12 FOR SUCH PURPOSE AND ALLOCATED TO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

13 (b) THE STEERING COMMITTEE MAY SEEK, ACCEPT, AND EXPEND
14 GIFTS, GRANTS, OR DONATIONS FROM PRIVATE OR PUBLIC SOURCES FOR
15 THE PURPOSES OF THIS PART 2. ANY MONEY RECEIVED IN GIFTS, GRANTS,
16 OR DONATIONS SHALL BE CREDITED TO THE STRATEGIC PLANNING
17 LEGISLATIVE STEERING COMMITTEE ACCOUNT, REFERRED TO IN THIS
18 SUBSECTION (6)(b) AS THE "ACCOUNT", CREATED IN THE LEGISLATIVE
19 DEPARTMENT CASH FUND IN SECTION 2-2-1601 (2.7). REIMBURSEMENT
20 FOR EXPENSES FOR MEMBERS OF THE STATEWIDE ADVISORY BOARD AND
21 PAYMENT OF EXPENSES INCURRED IN CONTRACTING WITH THE
22 FACILITATOR MUST BE APPROVED BY THE CHAIR OF THE STEERING
23 COMMITTEE AND PAID BY VOUCHERS AND WARRANTS DRAWN AS
24 PROVIDED BY LAW FROM MONEY CREDITED OR APPROPRIATED TO THE
25 ACCOUNT.

26 **22-1-204. Executive advisory board - statewide advisory board**
27 **- membership.** (1) AN EXECUTIVE ADVISORY BOARD, AS DESCRIBED IN

1 SUBSECTION (2) OF THIS SECTION, AND A STATEWIDE ADVISORY BOARD, AS
2 DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (3) OF THIS SECTION, SHALL SUPPORT AND
3 ADVISE THE STEERING COMMITTEE IN CREATING A VISION FOR EDUCATION
4 IN COLORADO AND CREATING AND OVERSEEING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF
5 A STRATEGIC STATEWIDE EDUCATION PLAN. THE CHAIR OF THE STEERING
6 COMMITTEE SHALL ASSIGN SPECIFIC DUTIES TO THE ADVISORY BOARDS AS
7 NECESSARY TO ASSIST THE STEERING COMMITTEE IN COMPLETING ITS
8 DUTIES.

9 (2) (a) THE EXECUTIVE ADVISORY BOARD CONSISTS OF THE
10 FOLLOWING MEMBERS:

11 (I) THE COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION APPOINTED BY THE STATE
12 BOARD OF EDUCATION PURSUANT TO SECTION 1 OF ARTICLE IX OF THE
13 STATE CONSTITUTION;

14 (II) THE CHAIR OF THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION CREATED IN
15 SECTION 1 OF ARTICLE IX OF THE STATE CONSTITUTION AND THE RANKING
16 MINORITY PARTY MEMBER OF THE BOARD;

17 (III) THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER
18 EDUCATION CREATED AND EXISTING PURSUANT TO SECTION 24-1-114;

19 (IV) THE CHAIR OF THE COLORADO COMMISSION ON HIGHER
20 EDUCATION CREATED IN SECTION 23-1-102;

21 (V) ONE OF THE CO-CHAIRS OF THE EARLY CHILDHOOD
22 LEADERSHIP COMMISSION CREATED IN SECTION 26-6.2-103, AS SELECTED
23 BY THE CO-CHAIRS; AND

24 (VI) A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE.

25 (b) THE CHAIR OF THE STEERING COMMITTEE SHALL CALL THE
26 FIRST MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE ADVISORY BOARD. AT THE FIRST
27 MEETING AND EVERY TWO YEARS THEREAFTER, THE MEMBERS OF THE

1 EXECUTIVE ADVISORY BOARD SHALL SELECT MEMBERS TO SERVE AS CHAIR
2 AND VICE-CHAIR. THE EXECUTIVE ADVISORY BOARD MAY SELECT THE
3 SAME PERSON TO SERVE MULTIPLE CONSECUTIVE TERMS.

4 (c) IF A MEMBER OF THE EXECUTIVE ADVISORY BOARD IS
5 OCCASIONALLY UNABLE TO ATTEND A MEETING, HE OR SHE MAY APPOINT
6 A DESIGNEE TO ATTEND THE MEETING. THE MEMBER SHALL DELEGATE TO
7 THE DESIGNEE FULL DECISION-MAKING AUTHORITY FOR PURPOSES OF
8 PARTICIPATION IN THE MEETING.

9 (3) (a) AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS
10 SECTION, THE CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR OF THE STEERING COMMITTEE SHALL
11 APPOINT THE MEMBERS OF THE STATEWIDE ADVISORY BOARD. TO THE
12 EXTENT PRACTICABLE, THE CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR SHALL ENSURE THAT
13 THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE STATEWIDE ADVISORY BOARD PROVIDES
14 BALANCED REPRESENTATION OF, AT A MINIMUM, THE FOLLOWING
15 INTERESTED CONSTITUENCIES:

- 16 (I) TEACHERS IN ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS;
- 17 (II) NONTEACHING STAFF IN ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY
18 SCHOOLS;
- 19 (III) PUBLIC SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS AND SCHOOL DISTRICT
20 SUPERINTENDENTS;
- 21 (IV) MEMBERS OF SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARDS OF EDUCATION;
- 22 (V) CHARTER SCHOOL GOVERNING BOARD MEMBERS,
23 ADMINISTRATORS, AND TEACHERS;
- 24 (VI) FACULTY MEMBERS AND ADMINISTRATORS FROM
25 INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION IN THE STATE;
- 26 (VII) PARENTS OF STUDENTS ENROLLED IN AN ELEMENTARY OR
27 SECONDARY SCHOOL, WHICH MAY INCLUDE PARENTS WHO SERVE ON

1 SCHOOL DISTRICT OR SCHOOL ACCOUNTABILITY COMMITTEES;

2 (VIII) PARENTS OF STUDENTS ENROLLED IN AN INSTITUTION OF
3 HIGHER EDUCATION IN THE STATE;

4 (IX) ENROLLED STUDENTS OR RECENT GRADUATES OF HIGH
5 SCHOOLS OR INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION;

6 (X) PERSONS WITH EXPERTISE IN EDUCATION POLICY; AND

7 (XI) MEMBERS OF THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY.

8 (b) IN APPOINTING MEMBERS OF THE STATEWIDE ADVISORY BOARD,
9 THE CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR OF THE STEERING COMMITTEE, TO THE EXTENT
10 PRACTICABLE, SHALL:

11 (I) ENSURE THAT THE MEMBERS REPRESENT ALL AREAS OF THE
12 STATE, INCLUDING URBAN, SUBURBAN, AND RURAL AREAS, AND REFLECT
13 THE GENDER AND RACIAL DEMOGRAPHICS OF THE STATE; AND

14 (II) TAKE INTO ACCOUNT RECOMMENDATIONS RECEIVED FROM
15 STATE ORGANIZATIONS THAT REPRESENT THE CONSTITUENCIES LISTED IN
16 SUBSECTION (3)(a) OF THIS SECTION.

17 (c) THE CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR OF THE STEERING COMMITTEE
18 SHALL APPOINT THE INITIAL CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR OF THE STATEWIDE
19 ADVISORY BOARD, WHO SHALL SERVE FOR A TWO-YEAR TERM.
20 SUBSEQUENTLY, THE STATEWIDE ADVISORY BOARD SHALL SELECT THE
21 CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR EVERY TWO YEARS. THE STATEWIDE ADVISORY
22 BOARD MAY SELECT THE SAME PERSON TO SERVE MULTIPLE CONSECUTIVE
23 TERMS.

24 (d) THE MEMBERS OF THE STATEWIDE ADVISORY BOARD SERVE
25 WITHOUT COMPENSATION BUT MAY BE REIMBURSED FOR NECESSARY
26 EXPENSES INCURRED IN SERVING ON THE STATEWIDE ADVISORY BOARD.

27 (4) THE ADVISORY BOARDS SHALL MEET AT THE CALL OF THE

1 RESPECTIVE CHAIRS OF THE BOARDS AND, AT THE REQUEST OF THE CHAIR
2 OF THE STEERING COMMITTEE, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE STEERING
3 COMMITTEE, AS OFTEN AS NECESSARY TO COMPLETE THEIR DUTIES. THE
4 CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR OF THE STEERING COMMITTEE AND THE CHAIRS
5 AND VICE-CHAIRS OF THE ADVISORY BOARDS SHALL COORDINATE THE
6 WORK OF THE STEERING COMMITTEE AND THE ADVISORY BOARDS.

7 **22-1-205. Facilitator - request for proposals - duties.** (1) BY
8 SEPTEMBER 1, 2017, THE STEERING COMMITTEE SHALL ISSUE A REQUEST
9 FOR PROPOSALS FOR A NONPROFIT, NONADVOCACY ORGANIZATION WITH
10 EXPERIENCE IN EDUCATION POLICY TO SERVE AS A FACILITATOR FOR THE
11 STEERING COMMITTEE AND THE ADVISORY BOARDS. THE STEERING
12 COMMITTEE SHALL ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH THE FACILITATOR BY
13 OCTOBER 1, 2017.

14 (2) THE DUTIES OF THE FACILITATOR INCLUDE:

15 (a) CREATING AND IMPLEMENTING A STATEWIDE
16 COMMUNICATIONS PLAN TO EXPLAIN THE WORK OF THE STEERING
17 COMMITTEE AND THE ADVISORY BOARDS TO THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE
18 AND TO PROVIDE ONGOING INFORMATION CONCERNING THE PROGRESS OF
19 THE STEERING COMMITTEE AND THE ADVISORY BOARDS IN CREATING THE
20 VISION FOR EDUCATION IN COLORADO AND CREATING AND IMPLEMENTING
21 THE STRATEGIC PLAN. AT A MINIMUM, THE COMMUNICATIONS PLAN MUST
22 INCLUDE REGULAR COMMUNICATIONS CONCERNING OPPORTUNITIES FOR
23 THE PUBLIC TO PROVIDE INPUT CONCERNING CREATION AND
24 IMPLEMENTATION OF THE VISION FOR EDUCATION AND THE STRATEGIC
25 PLAN.

26 (b) HOLDING PUBLIC MEETINGS AROUND THE STATE TO SOLICIT
27 INPUT CONCERNING THE STATEWIDE STRUCTURE AND PROCESSES FOR

1 OBTAINING INPUT REGARDING THE VISION FOR EDUCATION AND THE
2 STRATEGIC PLAN;

3 (c) CONVENING, FACILITATING, AND STAFFING MEETINGS OF THE
4 STEERING COMMITTEE, THE ADVISORY BOARDS, AND OTHER LOCAL
5 ADVISORY GROUPS AT THE REQUEST OF THE CHAIR OF THE STEERING
6 COMMITTEE;

7 (d) PROVIDING OTHER STAFF SUPPORT FOR THE STEERING
8 COMMITTEE AND THE ADVISORY BOARDS;

9 (e) MONITORING ONGOING STUDIES OF ISSUES RELATING TO
10 EDUCATION POLICY, INCLUDING SCHOOL FINANCE, BY COLORADO
11 LEGISLATIVE INTERIM COMMITTEES AND OTHER EDUCATION POLICY STUDY
12 GROUPS, INCLUDING THE EDUCATION LEADERSHIP COUNCIL CREATED BY
13 EXECUTIVE ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR AND THE EARLY CHILDHOOD
14 LEADERSHIP COMMISSION CREATED IN SECTION 26-6.2-103, THAT OCCUR
15 SIMULTANEOUSLY WITH THE WORK OF THE STEERING COMMITTEE,
16 REPORTING THE FINDINGS OF THE INTERIM COMMITTEES OR STUDY GROUPS
17 TO THE STEERING COMMITTEE, AND, IF REQUESTED BY THE CHAIR OF THE
18 STEERING COMMITTEE, ACTING AS A LIAISON BETWEEN AN INTERIM
19 COMMITTEE OR STUDY GROUP AND THE STEERING COMMITTEE;

20 (f) PROVIDING RESEARCH OR OTHER SERVICES TO ASSIST THE
21 STEERING COMMITTEE AND THE ADVISORY BOARDS IN COMPLETING THEIR
22 DUTIES; AND

23 (g) OTHER DUTIES OR TASKS THAT THE CHAIR OF THE STEERING
24 COMMITTEE MAY ASSIGN TO ASSIST THE STEERING COMMITTEE OR THE
25 ADVISORY BOARDS IN COMPLETING THEIR DUTIES.

26 **22-1-206. Steering committee - advisory boards - duties -**
27 **reports.** (1) THE WORK OF THE STEERING COMMITTEE AND THE ADVISORY

1 BOARDS IS ORGANIZED AS FOLLOWS:

2 (a) PHASE ONE:

3 (I) OVERSEE THE WORK OF THE FACILITATOR IN IMPLEMENTING
4 THE STATEWIDE COMMUNICATIONS PLAN;

5 (II) REVIEW AND SYNTHESIZE PUBLIC INPUT PREVIOUSLY
6 COLLECTED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND THE DEPARTMENT
7 OF HIGHER EDUCATION CONCERNING THE EDUCATION SYSTEM IN THE
8 STATE;

9 (III) REVIEW AND SYNTHESIZE PERTINENT RESEARCH REGARDING
10 ACADEMICALLY HIGH-PERFORMING STATES AND COUNTRIES AND THE
11 STRUCTURE OF THEIR EDUCATION SYSTEMS;

12 (IV) IDENTIFY THE CRITICAL ELEMENTS OF THE EXISTING STATE
13 EDUCATION SYSTEM AND BENCHMARK THE STATE'S IMPLEMENTATION OF
14 THOSE ELEMENTS AGAINST THE IMPLEMENTATION OF COMPARABLE
15 ELEMENTS IN THE EDUCATION SYSTEMS OF HIGH-PERFORMING STATES AND
16 COUNTRIES; AND

17 (V) TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE PUBLIC COMMENTS COLLECTED BY
18 THE FACILITATOR, CREATE A STATEWIDE STRUCTURE AND PROCESSES FOR
19 OBTAINING AND SYNTHESIZING INPUT TO CREATE A VISION FOR EDUCATION
20 AND A STRATEGIC PLAN TO ACHIEVE THE VISION. IN CREATING THE
21 STATEWIDE STRUCTURE AND PROCESSES, THE STEERING COMMITTEE MAY
22 SOLICIT DRAFT PLANS FROM REGIONAL GROUPS FORMED OR PREVIOUSLY
23 EXISTING THROUGHOUT THE STATE. THE STEERING COMMITTEE SHALL
24 INCLUDE WITH THE DESCRIPTION OF THE STRUCTURE AND PROCESSES AN
25 ESTIMATED TIMELINE FOR FINALIZING THE VISION AND CREATING AND
26 STARTING TO IMPLEMENT THE STRATEGIC PLAN.

27 (b) PHASE TWO:

1 (I) IMPLEMENT THE STATEWIDE STRUCTURE AND PROCESSES
2 CREATED IN PHASE ONE TO COLLECT INPUT FROM AROUND THE STATE
3 CONCERNING THE VISION FOR EDUCATION AND THE STRATEGIC PLAN; AND

4 (II) CONTINUE RESEARCHING AND BENCHMARKING REGARDING
5 THE CRITICAL ELEMENTS OF THE STATE EDUCATION SYSTEM.

6 (c) PHASE THREE:

7 (I) ANALYZE AND SYNTHESIZE THE INFORMATION COLLECTED
8 THROUGH THE STATEWIDE STRUCTURE AND PROCESSES AND CREATE A
9 DRAFT OF THE VISION FOR EDUCATION AND A DRAFT OF THE STRATEGIC
10 PLAN. THE STRATEGIC PLAN MUST, AT A MINIMUM:

11 (A) ADDRESS THE ENTIRE LEARNING SYSTEM, INCLUDING ALL OF
12 THE IDENTIFIED CRITICAL ELEMENTS;

13 (B) PRIORITIZE WORK ON IMPROVING THE CRITICAL ELEMENTS,
14 INCLUDING ESTABLISHING TIMELINES FOR IMPLEMENTING THE
15 IMPROVEMENTS TO THE CRITICAL ELEMENTS;

16 (C) INCLUDE A METHOD FOR REVIEWING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF
17 THE STRATEGIC PLAN AND METHODS AND CRITERIA FOR MEASURING THE
18 STATE'S PROGRESS TOWARD ACHIEVING THE VISION FOR EDUCATION; AND

19 (D) ALLOW FOR PERIODIC REVIEW AND, IF NECESSARY, REVISION
20 TO ENSURE CONTINUING PROGRESS TOWARD ACHIEVING THE VISION FOR
21 EDUCATION; AND

22 (II) BY THE DATE THAT THE STEERING COMMITTEE SPECIFIES IN
23 PHASE ONE OF THE WORK, SUBMIT THE DRAFT VISION AND THE DRAFT
24 STRATEGIC PLAN TO THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION, THE GOVERNOR,
25 AND THE EDUCATION COMMITTEES FOR REVIEW AND COMMENT.

26 (d) PHASE FOUR:

27 (I) ADOPT THE VISION FOR EDUCATION IN THE STATE;

1 (II) ADOPT AND OVERSEE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE
2 STRATEGIC PLAN; AND

3 (III) RECOMMEND TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND THE STATE
4 BOARD OF EDUCATION ANY LEGISLATIVE OR REGULATORY CHANGES THAT
5 MAY BE NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THE STRATEGIC PLAN.

6 (e) AFTER PHASE FOUR, THE STEERING COMMITTEE AND THE
7 ADVISORY BOARDS SHALL CONTINUE MEETING AND WORKING WITH THE
8 DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, THE DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION,
9 THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE, AND THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO OVERSEE AND
10 ENSURE THE CONTINUING AND SUCCESSFUL IMPLEMENTATION OF THE
11 STRATEGIC PLAN TO ACHIEVE THE VISION FOR EDUCATION. THE STEERING
12 COMMITTEE AND THE ADVISORY BOARDS SHALL PERIODICALLY REVIEW,
13 AND IF NECESSARY AMEND, THE VISION TO ENSURE IT REMAINS CURRENT
14 AND RELEVANT TO CHANGING CIRCUMSTANCES AND PERIODICALLY
15 REVIEW, AND IF NECESSARY REVISE, THE STRATEGIC PLAN TO ENSURE IT
16 ALIGNS WITH AND IS EFFECTIVELY DESIGNED TO ACHIEVE THE VISION.

17 (2) NOTWITHSTANDING THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 24-1-136
18 (11)(a)(I), ON OR BEFORE NOVEMBER 15, 2017, AND ON OR BEFORE
19 NOVEMBER 15 EACH YEAR THEREAFTER, THE STEERING COMMITTEE SHALL
20 SUBMIT TO THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION, THE COLORADO
21 COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION, THE GOVERNOR, AND THE
22 EDUCATION COMMITTEES A REPORT OF THE STEERING COMMITTEE'S
23 PROGRESS IN COMPLETING THE PHASES OF WORK DESCRIBED IN
24 SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS SECTION. AT A MINIMUM, THE REPORT MUST
25 INCLUDE A SUMMARY OF THE WORK COMPLETED, DEADLINES FOR
26 COMPLETING THE REMAINING WORK, AND RECOMMENDATIONS, IF ANY,
27 FOR STATUTORY OR REGULATORY CHANGES THAT ARE REQUIRED TO

1 COMPLETE THE WORK AND IMPLEMENT THE STRATEGIC PLAN.

2 **22-1-207. Continuation of steering committee and advisory**
3 **board.** NOTWITHSTANDING THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 2-3-1203, THE
4 STEERING COMMITTEE AND THE ADVISORY BOARDS ARE PERMANENT,
5 ONGOING ENTITIES. AS SUCH, THEY ARE NOT SUBJECT TO REVIEW BY THE
6 DEPARTMENT OF REGULATORY AGENCIES AND SHALL CONTINUE UNTIL
7 SUCH TIME AS THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY CHOOSES TO REPEAL SECTION
8 22-1-203 OR 22-1-204.

9 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 2-2-1601, **amend** (2);
10 and **add** (2.7) as follows:

11 **2-2-1601. Legislative department cash fund - redistricting**
12 **account - strategic planning legislative steering committee account -**
13 **creation - definition.** (2) Except for ~~moneys~~ MONEY in the redistricting
14 account AND THE STRATEGIC PLANNING LEGISLATIVE STEERING
15 COMMITTEE ACCOUNT created pursuant to ~~subsection (2.5)~~ SUBSECTIONS
16 (2.5) AND (2.7), RESPECTIVELY, of this section, ~~moneys~~ MONEY in the
17 legislative department cash fund ~~are~~ IS continuously appropriated to the
18 executive committee of the legislative council to pay for expenses of the
19 legislative department of the state of Colorado. ~~Moneys~~ MONEY in the
20 fund shall be expended consistent with any terms and conditions imposed
21 as a condition of receiving such ~~moneys~~ MONEY as gifts, grants, or
22 donations.

23 (2.7) THERE IS CREATED IN THE LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT CASH
24 FUND THE STRATEGIC PLANNING LEGISLATIVE STEERING COMMITTEE
25 ACCOUNT, REFERRED TO IN THIS SUBSECTION (2.7) AS THE "STEERING
26 COMMITTEE ACCOUNT". THE STEERING COMMITTEE ACCOUNT IS
27 COMPRISED OF ANY MONEY APPROPRIATED OR TRANSFERRED TO THE

1 STEERING COMMITTEE ACCOUNT AND ANY MONEY RECEIVED BY THE
2 STRATEGIC PLANNING LEGISLATIVE STEERING COMMITTEE, CREATED IN
3 SECTION 22-1-203, OR THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AS PUBLIC OR PRIVATE
4 GIFTS, GRANTS, OR DONATIONS RELATED TO CREATING THE VISION FOR
5 EDUCATION IN COLORADO OR CREATING OR OVERSEEING THE STRATEGIC
6 STATEWIDE EDUCATION PLAN TO IMPLEMENT THE VISION. MONEY IN THE
7 STEERING COMMITTEE ACCOUNT IS CONTINUOUSLY APPROPRIATED TO THE
8 STEERING COMMITTEE AND TO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL STAFF TO PAY
9 FOR THE REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES INCURRED BY THE STATEWIDE
10 ADVISORY COMMITTEE AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 22-1-204 (3)(d) AND THE
11 EXPENSE OF CONTRACTING WITH THE FACILITATOR AS PROVIDED IN
12 SECTION 22-1-205. ALL INTEREST EARNED ON THE INVESTMENT OF MONEY
13 IN THE STEERING COMMITTEE ACCOUNT SHALL BE CREDITED TO THE
14 ACCOUNT. ANY MONEY CREDITED TO THE STEERING COMMITTEE ACCOUNT
15 AND UNEXPENDED AT THE END OF A FISCAL YEAR MUST REMAIN IN THE
16 STEERING COMMITTEE ACCOUNT AND SHALL NOT REVERT OR BE
17 TRANSFERRED TO THE GENERAL FUND OR ANY OTHER FUND.

18 **SECTION 3.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-1-102.5, **amend**
19 (2)(a) introductory portion as follows:

20 **22-1-102.5. Definition of homeless child.** (2) (a) As used in this
21 ~~article~~ SECTION AND SECTION 22-1-102, unless the context otherwise
22 requires, "homeless child" means:

23 **SECTION 4. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,
24 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate
25 preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.