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HOUSE BILL 23-1132

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House Committees
Judiciary

Senate Committees

A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING THE COURT DATA-SHARING TASK FORCE.**

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 a data-sharing task force to evaluate data-sharing practices between state and municipal courts and report the evaluation to the judiciary committees of the general assembly. The task force shall:

- Investigate current data sharing and access to court data systems;
- Consider processes for sharing data and providing access to court data systems statewide; and
- Consider safety measures or integration of systems in order

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.
Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material to be added to existing law.
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to protect sensitive data in court systems.

The task force shall report its findings and recommendations to the judiciary committees of the house or representatives and the senate, or any successor committees, on or before January 8, 2024.

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 13-3-118 as
3 follows:

4 **13-3-118. Data-sharing task force between state and municipal**
5 **courts - creation - legislative declaration - repeal.** (1) THE GENERAL
6 ASSEMBLY FINDS AND DECLARES THAT:

7 (a) DATA COORDINATION AND SHARING BETWEEN STATE AND
8 MUNICIPAL COURTS IS CRITICAL FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE;

9 (b) THE EXISTING STATEWIDE COURT DATA SYSTEM PROVIDES ALL
10 STATE COURTS WITH DIGITAL ACCESS TO CASE INFORMATION STATEWIDE;

11 (c) MUNICIPAL COURT DATA SYSTEMS DO NOT CURRENTLY SHARE
12 MUNICIPAL CASE INFORMATION STATEWIDE;

13 (d) CURRENTLY, INFORMATION CANNOT BE SHARED BETWEEN
14 STATE AND MUNICIPAL COURT DATA SYSTEMS, WHICH CREATES GAPS AND
15 REQUIRES EACH COURT TO DIRECTLY CONTACT THE OTHER COURT TO
16 REQUEST COPIES OF COURT FILES OR CASES, RESULTING IN A TEDIOUS AND
17 TIME-CONSUMING PROCESS;

18 (e) PROVIDING UNIVERSAL ACCESS TO STATE AND MUNICIPAL
19 CASES AMONG COURTS WILL STREAMLINE COURT DATA SHARING, SERVE
20 THE PUBLIC INTEREST, AND NOT UNDULY BURDEN STATE COURTS OR
21 MUNICIPAL COURTS; AND

22 (f) IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT THE STATE JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT AND
23 MUNICIPAL COURTS COLLABORATE TO DETERMINE THE BEST PROCESS TO

1 IMPLEMENT A UNIVERSAL ACCESS COURT DATA SYSTEM.

2 (2) THERE IS CREATED IN THE JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT THE TASK
3 FORCE ON DATA SHARING BETWEEN STATE COURTS AND MUNICIPAL
4 COURTS, REFERRED TO IN THIS SECTION AS THE "TASK FORCE". THE TASK
5 FORCE MUST MEET REGULARLY TO:

6 (a) INVESTIGATE CURRENT DATA SHARING AND ACCESS TO COURT
7 DATA SYSTEMS;

8 (b) CONSIDER PROCESSES FOR SHARING DATA AND PROVIDING
9 ACCESS TO COURT DATA SYSTEMS STATEWIDE; AND

10 (c) CONSIDER SAFETY MEASURES OR INTEGRATION OF SYSTEMS IN
11 ORDER TO PROTECT SENSITIVE DATA IN COURT SYSTEMS.

12 (3) THE TASK FORCE CONSISTS OF:

13 (a) FOUR REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE STATE JUDICIAL
14 DEPARTMENT, ONE OF WHOM MUST BE A CHIEF JUDGE WHO WILL SERVE AS
15 THE CHAIR OF THE COMMITTEE, APPOINTED BY THE JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT;

16 (b) THE STATE COURT ADMINISTRATOR OR THE ADMINISTRATOR'S
17 DESIGNEE, APPOINTED BY THE JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT;

18 (c) FOUR REPRESENTATIVES FROM MUNICIPAL COURTS, WITH AT
19 LEAST ONE REPRESENTATIVE FROM A MUNICIPAL COURT IN A
20 MUNICIPALITY WITH A POPULATION OF FIFTY THOUSAND OR MORE, AT
21 LEAST ONE REPRESENTATIVE FROM A MUNICIPAL COURT IN A
22 MUNICIPALITY WITH A POPULATION OF EIGHT THOUSAND TO FORTY-NINE
23 THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED AND NINETY-NINE, AND AT LEAST ONE
24 REPRESENTATIVE FROM A MUNICIPAL COURT IN A MUNICIPALITY WITH A
25 POPULATION OF FEWER THAN EIGHT THOUSAND. ONE MUNICIPAL COURT
26 REPRESENTATIVE MUST SERVE AS THE VICE-CHAIR OF THE COMMITTEE.
27 EACH OF THESE REPRESENTATIVES IS APPOINTED BY A STATEWIDE

1 ORGANIZATION OF MUNICIPALITIES.

2 (d) A REPRESENTATIVE WHO WORKS AS A MUNICIPAL PROSECUTOR,
3 APPOINTED BY A STATEWIDE ORGANIZATION OF MUNICIPALITIES;

4 (e) A REPRESENTATIVE WHO WORKS AS A MUNICIPAL PUBLIC
5 DEFENDER, APPOINTED BY A STATEWIDE ORGANIZATION OF
6 MUNICIPALITIES;

7 (f) A REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE COLORADO DISTRICT
8 ATTORNEYS' COUNCIL, APPOINTED BY THE OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT
9 ATTORNEYS' COUNCIL; AND

10 (g) A REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE OFFICE OF STATE PUBLIC
11 DEFENDER CREATED IN SECTION 21-1-101, APPOINTED BY THE OFFICE OF
12 STATE PUBLIC DEFENDER.

13 (4) THE MEMBERS OF THE TASK FORCE SERVE WITHOUT
14 COMPENSATION AND WITHOUT REIMBURSEMENT FOR EXPENSES.

15 (5) THE TASK FORCE SHALL MEET A MAXIMUM OF SIX TIMES
16 BEFORE JANUARY 8, 2024. THE FIRST MEETING MUST OCCUR NO LATER
17 THAN JULY 17, 2023.

18 (6) THE TASK FORCE SHALL REPORT ITS FINDINGS AND
19 RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE JUDICIARY COMMITTEES OF THE HOUSE OF
20 REPRESENTATIVES AND THE SENATE, OR ANY SUCCESSOR COMMITTEES, ON
21 OR BEFORE JANUARY 8, 2024.

22 (7) THIS SECTION IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024.

23 **SECTION 2. 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, or safety.