

CHAPTER 113

EDUCATION - PUBLIC SCHOOLS

SENATE BILL 23-008

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AN ACT

CONCERNING OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH INVOLVEMENT IN THE REVIEW OF THE STATE'S EDUCATION STANDARDS, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.

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

SECTION 1. In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 24-1-104.1 as follows:

24-1-104.1. State education standards review - review committees convened by department of education - youth participation - definition. BY SEPTEMBER 1, 2023, AND BY EACH SEPTEMBER 1 THEREAFTER, THE COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION SHALL APPOINT YOUTH REPRESENTATIVES FROM NOMINATIONS SUBMITTED BY SCHOOLS THROUGHOUT THE STATE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE STANDARDS DEVELOPMENT PROCESS DESCRIBED IN SECTION 22-7-1005, WHICH INCLUDES COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT. THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION SHALL SELECT YOUTH REPRESENTATIVES FROM RURAL, SMALL RURAL, AND URBAN SCHOOL DISTRICTS, AS THOSE DISTRICTS ARE DESIGNATED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION. THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION SHALL PROMOTE THE OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH INVOLVEMENT TO SCHOOLS THROUGHOUT THE STATE AND REQUEST THAT SCHOOLS NOMINATE YOUTH TO SERVE AS YOUTH REPRESENTATIVES. YOUTH REPRESENTATIVES MAY BE REIMBURSED FOR ACTUAL AND REASONABLE EXPENSES INCURRED IN THE PERFORMANCE OF THEIR DUTIES AND MAY RECEIVE A STIPEND FOR PARTICIPATION IN AN AMOUNT TO BE DETERMINED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, "YOUTH" MEANS THE AGE OF ELIGIBILITY FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE COLORADO YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL, AS SET FORTH IN SECTION 2-2-1303 (1)(b)(I).

Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material added to existing law; dashes through words or numbers indicate deletions from existing law and such material is not part of the act.

SECTION 2. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-7-1011, **amend** (2) introductory portion, (2)(c), and (2)(d); and **add** (2)(e) as follows:

22-7-1011. Regional educator meetings - purpose - recommendations - definition. (2) At a minimum, THE COMMISSIONER AND THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SHALL INVITE the following persons ~~shall be invited~~ to attend the regional educator meetings in each regional service area:

(c) The preschool, elementary, and secondary teachers, principals, administrators, counselors, and other special services providers employed by the local education providers located in the regional service area; ~~and~~

(d) The postsecondary faculty, academic advisors, and administrators employed by the state institutions of higher education and local district colleges, if any, located in the regional service area; AND

(e) TWO YOUTH REPRESENTATIVES FROM NOMINATIONS SUBMITTED BY SCHOOLS BY SEPTEMBER 1, 2023, AND BY EVERY SEPTEMBER 1 THEREAFTER. WHEN POSSIBLE, ONE YOUTH REPRESENTATIVE EACH MUST BE FROM AN URBAN SCHOOL DISTRICT AND ONE YOUTH REPRESENTATIVE FROM A RURAL OR SMALL RURAL SCHOOL DISTRICT, AS THOSE DISTRICTS ARE DESIGNATED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION. THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION SHALL PROMOTE THE OPPORTUNITY FOR YOUTH INVOLVEMENT TO SCHOOLS THROUGHOUT THE STATE AND REQUEST SCHOOLS NOMINATE YOUTH TO ATTEND REGIONAL EDUCATOR MEETINGS. YOUTH REPRESENTATIVES SERVE WITHOUT COMPENSATION BUT MAY BE REIMBURSED FOR ACTUAL AND REASONABLE EXPENSES INCURRED IN THE PERFORMANCE OF THEIR DUTIES. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SUBSECTION (2)(e), "YOUTH" MEANS THE AGE OF ELIGIBILITY FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE COLORADO YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL, AS SET FORTH IN SECTION 2-2-1303 (1)(b)(I).

SECTION 3. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-7-1013, **amend** (5) as follows:

22-7-1013. Local education provider - preschool through elementary and secondary education standards - adoption - academic acceleration - definition. (5) (a) On or before July 1, 2017, and on or before July 1 every six years thereafter, each local education provider shall review its preschool through elementary and secondary education standards and, taking into account any revisions to the state preschool through elementary and secondary education standards, shall revise and readopt its standards, if necessary, to ensure that ~~they~~ THE LOCAL EDUCATION PROVIDER'S STANDARDS continue to meet or exceed the state preschool through elementary and secondary education standards. The local education provider shall revise its curricula accordingly to ensure that the curricula continue to align with the local education provider's preschool through elementary and secondary education standards.

(b) AS PART OF EACH LOCAL EDUCATION PROVIDER'S REVIEW, REGARDLESS OF TIME FRAME, EACH LOCAL EDUCATION PROVIDER SHALL SELECT TWO YOUTH REPRESENTATIVES FROM NOMINATIONS RECEIVED FROM SCHOOLS IN THE LOCAL EDUCATION PROVIDER'S RANGE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE REVIEW. WHEN POSSIBLE, ONE YOUTH REPRESENTATIVE MUST BE FROM AN URBAN SCHOOL DISTRICT AND ONE YOUTH REPRESENTATIVE MUST BE FROM A RURAL OR SMALL RURAL SCHOOL

DISTRICT, AS THOSE DISTRICTS ARE DESIGNATED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION. THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION SHALL PROMOTE THE OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH INVOLVEMENT TO SCHOOLS WITHIN THE LOCAL EDUCATION PROVIDER'S RANGE AND REQUEST SCHOOLS WITHIN THE LOCAL EDUCATION PROVIDER'S RANGE NOMINATE YOUTH TO PARTICIPATE IN THE REVIEW OF LOCAL EDUCATION STANDARDS. YOUTH REPRESENTATIVES SERVE WITHOUT COMPENSATION BUT MAY BE REIMBURSED FOR ACTUAL AND REASONABLE EXPENSES INCURRED IN THE PERFORMANCE OF THEIR DUTIES. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SUBSECTION (5)(b), "YOUTH" MEANS THE AGE OF ELIGIBILITY FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE COLORADO YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL, AS SET FORTH IN SECTION 2-2-1303 (1)(b)(I).

SECTION 4. Appropriation. For the 2023-24 state fiscal year, \$7,650 is appropriated to the department of education. This appropriation is from the general fund. To implement this act, the department may use this appropriation for content specialists.

SECTION 5. Act subject to petition - effective date. This act takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly; except that, if a referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take effect unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in November 2024 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.

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