

Second Regular Session
Seventy-third General Assembly
STATE OF COLORADO

INTRODUCED

LLS NO. 22-0260.02 Brita Darling x2241

HOUSE BILL 22-1157

HOUSE SPONSORSHIP

McCormick and Titone, Ortiz

SENATE SPONSORSHIP

Jaquez Lewis,

House Committees

Public & Behavioral Health & Human Services

Senate Committees

A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING THE UTILIZATION OF DEMOGRAPHIC HEALTH DATA BY**
102 **THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT TO**
103 **ADDRESS HEALTH INEQUITIES.**

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 department of public health and environment (department), as part of its duty to disseminate public health information, to:

- Collect public health information from data sources and data provided to the department, including information

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

- concerning race, ethnicity, disability, sexual orientation, and gender identity; and
- Provide direction and technical assistance relating to public health information.

The bill does not require a person to provide demographic information concerning race, ethnicity, disability, sexual orientation, or gender identity.

The bill requires the state board of health (board) to promulgate rules, which apply to all public health agencies, health officers, and other persons required to collect and report data, concerning the requirements for collecting data, and the manner and time frame for reporting and disaggregating data in compliance with health data privacy laws.

For required health equity commission (commission) reports that do not include complete demographic information, the bill requires state agencies that are represented on the commission to submit a supplemental report to address the social determinants of health and the strategies used to address health disparities and inequities based on race, ethnicity, disability, sexual orientation, and gender identity.

To assist with the department's assessment of health disparities and inequities, the bill requires the commission to convene a data advisory working group (working group) to advise the commission relating to collecting and aggregating nonidentifying demographic data and information from Colorado residents about race, ethnicity, disability, sexual orientation, and gender identity as part of public health programs and from information acquired by or submitted to the department. The bill includes the selection of members for the working group.

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 25-1.5-101, amend
3 (1)(j)(I) as follows:

4 **25-1.5-101. Powers and duties of department - laboratory cash
5 fund - report - dispensation of payments under contracts with
6 grantees - definitions - repeal.** (1) The department has, in addition to all
7 other powers and duties imposed upon it by law, the powers and duties
8 provided in this section as follows:

9 (j) (I) To:

10 (A) COLLECT, COMPILE, AND TABULATE PUBLIC HEALTH

1 INFORMATION FROM DATA SOURCES AND DATA PROVIDED TO THE
2 DEPARTMENT, INCLUDING INFORMATION CONCERNING RACE, ETHNICITY,
3 DISABILITY, SEXUAL ORIENTATION, AND GENDER IDENTITY; EXCEPT THAT
4 NOTHING IN THIS SECTION REQUIRES ANY INDIVIDUAL TO PROVIDE
5 INFORMATION RELATING TO THE INDIVIDUAL'S RACE, ETHNICITY,
6 DISABILITY, SEXUAL ORIENTATION, OR GENDER IDENTITY;

7 (B) ESTABLISH A PROCESS FOR, AND PROVIDE TECHNICAL
8 ASSISTANCE RELATING TO, THE COLLECTION, COMPILED, AND
9 TABULATION OF PUBLIC HEALTH INFORMATION DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION
10 (1)(j)(I)(A) OF THIS SECTION; AND

11 (C) Disseminate public health information;

12 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 25-4-2205, **amend**
13 (2)(c), (2)(g), (2)(h), and (2.5)(a); and **add** (2.3) and (2.5)(a.5) as follows:

14 **25-4-2205. Powers and duties of the office of health equity -**
15 **rules - working group.** (2) The office has the following powers, duties,
16 and functions:

17 (c) Publishing data reports documenting health disparities AND
18 DETERMINING APPROPRIATE METHODS TO COLLECT AND DISAGGREGATE
19 DATA BASED ON RACE, ETHNICITY, DISABILITY, SEXUAL ORIENTATION, AND
20 GENDER IDENTITY FOR INCLUSION IN DATA REPORTS DOCUMENTING
21 HEALTH DISPARITIES;

22 (g) Conducting state-level strategic planning on minority health
23 improvement, WHICH INCLUDES THOSE INDIVIDUALS WHO IDENTIFY AS
24 RACIAL AND ETHNIC MINORITIES, WHO HAVE DIAGNOSED DISABILITIES,
25 AND WHOSE SEXUAL ORIENTATION OR GENDER IDENTITY INCLUDES BUT IS
26 NOT LIMITED TO LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL, TRANSGENDER, AND
27 NONBINARY;

(h) Providing technical assistance to:

(I) The department in carrying out its programs, INCLUDING DATA

COLLECTION AND DISAGGREGATION OF DATA RELATING TO RACE,

ETHNICITY, DISABILITY, SEXUAL ORIENTATION, AND GENDER IDENTITY;

and

(II) to County, district, and municipal public health agencies,

community-based organizations, and communities in the state;

8 (2.3) (a) THE STATE BOARD SHALL PROMULGATE RULES

NECESSARY FOR THE COLLECTION OF DATA BY THE OFFICE FOR PURPOSES

OF ITS REPORTING ON HEALTH DISPARITIES PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION

(2)(c) OF THIS SECTION, INCLUDING RULES CONCERNING:

12 (I) THE REQUIREMENT TO COLLECT THE DATA FROM INDIVIDUALS

WHO CHOOSE TO PROVIDE THE DATA; 10

14 (II) THE FORM, MANNER, AND TIME FRAME FOR COLLECTING THE

DATA TO ENSURE CONSISTENCY IN THE COLLECTION OF DATA; AND

16 (III) THE DISAGGREGATION AND REPORTING OF THE DATA TO

ALIGN WITH STATE AND FEDERAL DATA PRIVACY LAWS.

18 (b) THE RULES PROMULGATED PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (2.3)(a)

OF THIS SECTION MUST APPLY TO ALL PUBLIC HEALTH AGENCIES, HEALTH

20 OFFICERS, AND OTHER PERSONS REQUIRED TO COLLECT AND REPORT DATA.

(2.5) (a) (l) On or before July 1, 2022, and continuing every two

22 years thereafter, the department shall conduct an assessment and publish

a report concerning health disparities and inequities in Colorado that

24 includes an assessment of the impact of social determinants of health on

health disparities and inequities and recommended strategies to begin to

26 address such inequities. The department shall collaborate with the

commission, community partners working on health equity issues, local

1 public health agencies, stakeholders from affected communities, data
2 organizations, and other state and local partners in the creation of the
3 report. In addition to providing information to the public about the impact
4 of health disparities and inequities on Coloradans, each state agency that
5 has representation on the commission shall use the report in their plan as
6 described in subsection (2.5)(b)(I) of this section. In each report after the
7 first published report, the department shall report the progress made by
8 the commission pursuant to subsection (2.5)(b) of this section to address
9 the social determinants of health and the strategies used to address health
10 disparities and inequities.

11 (II) NOT LATER THAN JULY 1, 2023, FOR ANY REPORT PROVIDED
12 PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (2.5)(a)(I) OF THIS SECTION THAT DOES NOT
13 INCLUDE COMPLETE REPORTING ON RACE, ETHNICITY, DISABILITY, SEXUAL
14 ORIENTATION, AND GENDER IDENTITY, AS THAT DATA BECOMES
15 AVAILABLE, EACH STATE AGENCY THAT IS REPRESENTED ON THE
16 COMMISSION SHALL PROVIDE A SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT THAT INCLUDES
17 PROGRESS MADE BY THE COMMISSION TO ADDRESS THE SOCIAL
18 DETERMINANTS OF HEALTH AND THE STRATEGIES USED TO ADDRESS
19 HEALTH DISPARITIES AND INEQUITIES BASED ON RACE, ETHNICITY,
20 DISABILITY, SEXUAL ORIENTATION, AND GENDER IDENTITY.

21 (a.5) (I) TO ASSIST WITH THE DEPARTMENT'S ASSESSMENT AND
22 REPORTING REQUIRED PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (2.5)(a) OF THIS SECTION
23 CONCERNING HEALTH DISPARITIES AND INEQUITIES, NOT LATER THAN
24 NOVEMBER 1, 2022, THE COMMISSION SHALL CONVENE A DATA ADVISORY
25 WORKING GROUP TO ADVISE THE COMMISSION IN CARRYING OUT ITS
26 DUTIES UNDER SUBSECTIONS (2)(c) AND (2)(h) OF THIS SECTION.

27 (II) THE DATA ADVISORY WORKING GROUP SHALL MAKE

1 RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE COMMISSION CONCERNING THE PROCESS FOR
2 COLLECTING AND AGGREGATING NONIDENTIFYING DEMOGRAPHIC DATA
3 FOR COLORADO RESIDENTS RELATING TO RACE, ETHNICITY, DISABILITY,
4 SEXUAL ORIENTATION, AND GENDER IDENTITY:

5 (A) AS PART OF PUBLIC HEALTH PROGRAMS;
6 (B) FROM INFORMATION COLLECTED TO EVALUATE PUBLIC HEALTH
7 CONDITIONS IN THE STATE; AND
8 (C) FROM DATA ACQUIRED FROM DATA SOURCES OR SUBMITTED TO
9 THE DEPARTMENT.

10 (III) THE DATA ADVISORY WORKING GROUP SHALL INCLUDE:

11 (A) ONE MEMBER OF THE DEPARTMENT, APPOINTED BY THE
12 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT;
13 (B) THREE SERVING MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION, APPOINTED BY
14 THE DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE, TO INCLUDE A MEMBER WITH EXPERTISE IN
15 DATA AND REPORTING, A MEMBER REPRESENTING A COUNTY OR DISTRICT
16 PUBLIC HEALTH AGENCY, AND A MEMBER REPRESENTING DEPARTMENT
17 DATA CONTRACTORS OR VENDORS;

18 (C) ONE MEMBER OF A NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION, APPOINTED BY
19 THE DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE, WHO HAS EXPERIENCE IN ADMINISTERING
20 DATA COLLECTION INSTRUMENTS AND REPORTS RELATING TO THE
21 COVID-19 VIRUS, VACCINES, AND HEALTH CARE AS IT IMPACTS
22 INDIVIDUALS WHO IDENTIFY AS LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL, OR
23 TRANSGENDER AND WHOSE WORK IS RECOGNIZED AT THE STATE AND
24 NATIONAL LEVEL;

25 (D) ONE MEMBER OF A NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION, APPOINTED BY
26 THE DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE, WHO HAS EXPERIENCE IN ADMINISTERING
27 DATA COLLECTION INSTRUMENTS AND REPORTS RELATING TO THE

1 COVID-19 VIRUS, VACCINES, AND HEALTH CARE AS IT IMPACTS
2 INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE BEEN DIAGNOSED WITH A DISABILITY AND WHOSE
3 WORK IS RECOGNIZED AT THE STATE OR NATIONAL LEVEL; AND

4 (E) TWO MEMBERS OF NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS, APPOINTED BY
5 THE DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE, WHO HAVE EXPERIENCE IN ADMINISTERING
6 DATA COLLECTION INSTRUMENTS AND REPORTS RELATED TO INDIVIDUALS
7 WHO IDENTIFY AS HISPANIC OR LATINO, AFRICAN AMERICAN OR BLACK,
8 ASIAN, AMERICAN PACIFIC ISLANDER, AND INDIGENOUS AND WHOSE
9 WORK IS RECOGNIZED AT THE STATE OR NATIONAL LEVEL.

10 **SECTION 3. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,
11 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate
12 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety.