

SENATE COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE REPORT

Chair of Committee

March 2, 2026
Date

Committee on Education.

After consideration on the merits, the Committee recommends the following:

SB26-078 be amended as follows, and as so amended, be referred to the Committee on Appropriations with favorable recommendation:

1 Amend printed bill, page 4, strike lines 11 through 15 and substitute
2 "campuses; AND

3 (b) The institution whose campus is established under and
4 specified in section 23-20-101 (1)(b); ~~but limited to~~ EXCEPT THAT, FOR
5 BUILDINGS LOCATED WITHIN THE GROUNDS OF THE AURARIA HIGHER
6 EDUCATION CENTER CREATED IN PART 70 OF THIS ARTICLE 23, "QUALIFIED
7 STATE INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION" MEANS ONLY THOSE
8 BUILDINGS THAT ARE CONSTRUCTED OR WHOLLY RENOVATED FROM
9 MONEY HELD BY THE UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO AT DENVER AND THAT
10 ARE CURRENTLY OWNED, OPERATED, AND MAINTAINED BY THE
11 UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO AT DENVER, INCLUDING the buildings located
12 in Denver at ~~1380 Lawrence street, 1250 Fourteenth street, and 1475~~
13 ~~Lawrence street;~~ and 1191 LARIMER STREET, 1201 LARIMER STREET, AND
14 1355 TWELFTH STREET."

15 Page 5, strike lines 3 through 7 and substitute "campuses; AND

16 (b) The institution whose campus is established under and
17 specified in section 23-20-101 (1)(b); ~~but limited to~~ EXCEPT THAT, FOR
18 BUILDINGS LOCATED WITHIN THE GROUNDS OF THE AURARIA HIGHER
19 EDUCATION CENTER CREATED IN PART 70 OF THIS ARTICLE 23, "QUALIFIED
20 STATE INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION" MEANS ONLY THOSE
21 BUILDINGS THAT ARE CONSTRUCTED OR WHOLLY RENOVATED FROM
22 MONEY HELD BY THE UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO AT DENVER AND THAT
23 ARE CURRENTLY OWNED, OPERATED, AND MAINTAINED BY THE
24 UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO AT DENVER, INCLUDING the buildings located
25 in Denver at ~~1380 Lawrence street, 1250 Fourteenth street, and 1475~~
26 ~~Lawrence street;~~ and 1191 LARIMER STREET, 1201 LARIMER STREET, AND
27 1355 TWELFTH STREET."

- 1 Strike page 9.
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- 3 Page 10, strike lines 1 through 12.
- 4 Renumber succeeding sections accordingly.
- 5 Page 10, line 15, strike "**directive**" and substitute "**and commission**
- 6 **directives**".
- 7 Page 10, line 16, strike "**definition - repeal.**" and substitute
- 8 "**definitions.**".
- 9 Page 10, strike lines 18 through 27 and substitute "REQUIRES:
- 10 (a) "INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION" MEANS:
- 11 (I) A STATE INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION, AS DEFINED IN
- 12 SECTION 23-18-102 (10);
- 13 (II) A LOCAL DISTRICT COLLEGE, AS DEFINED IN SECTION
- 14 23-71-102 (1)(a);
- 15 (III) AN AREA TECHNICAL COLLEGE, AS DEFINED IN SECTION
- 16 23-60-103 (1); AND
- 17 (IV) A PARTICIPATING PRIVATE INSTITUTION OF HIGHER
- 18 EDUCATION, AS DEFINED IN SECTION 23-18-102 (7).
- 19 (b) (I) "STATEWIDE INSTITUTIONAL AND STUDENT DATA" MEANS
- 20 DATA, IN ANY FORMAT, PROVIDED BY AN INSTITUTION OF HIGHER
- 21 EDUCATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OR ANOTHER STATE AGENCY.
- 22 (II) "STATEWIDE INSTITUTIONAL AND STUDENT DATA" DOES NOT
- 23 INCLUDE NEW DATA POINTS CREATED THROUGH THE COMBINATION OF
- 24 INSTITUTIONAL AND STUDENT DATA WITH OTHER STATE ADMINISTRATIVE
- 25 DATA OR PUBLICLY AVAILABLE INFORMATION.
- 26 (2) (a) THIS SUBSECTION (2) CODIFIES THE DATA ADVISORY GROUP
- 27 THAT EXISTS AS OF THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS SECTION AND THAT IS
- 28 FACILITATED BY THE DEPARTMENT. THE DATA ADVISORY GROUP SHALL
- 29 CONTINUE TO OPERATE WITHIN EXISTING RESOURCES TO SERVE IN AN
- 30 ADVISORY CAPACITY TO THE DEPARTMENT AND THE COMMISSION
- 31 REGARDING DATA COLLECTION, REPORTING, ACCESS, AND USE PURSUANT
- 32 TO THIS TITLE 23.
- 33 (b) THE DATA ADVISORY GROUP CONSISTS OF REPRESENTATIVES
- 34 FROM INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION AND THE DEPARTMENT, AS
- 35 FOLLOWS:
- 36 (I) (A) ONE REPRESENTATIVE FROM EACH GOVERNING BOARD OF
- 37 A STATE INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION;
- 38 (B) GOVERNING BOARDS THAT HAVE A SYSTEM COMPRISED OF
- 39 MORE THAN ONE CAMPUS MAY HAVE ADDITIONAL REPRESENTATIVES FOR

1 EACH CAMPUS AND SYSTEM OFFICE;
2 (II) AT LEAST ONE REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE LOCAL DISTRICT
3 COLLEGES;
4 (III) AT LEAST ONE REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE AREA TECHNICAL
5 COLLEGES;
6 (IV) ONE REPRESENTATIVE FROM EACH PARTICIPATING PRIVATE
7 INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION, AS DEFINED IN SECTION 23-18-102
8 (7); AND
9 (V) AT LEAST ONE REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE DEPARTMENT.
10 (c) PARTICIPATION FROM EACH INSTITUTION OF HIGHER
11 EDUCATION IN THE DATA ADVISORY GROUP IS VOLUNTARY.
12 (d) THE DATA ADVISORY GROUP IS ADVISORY ONLY AND DOES NOT
13 HAVE DECISION-MAKING OR BINDING AUTHORITY OVER THE DEPARTMENT
14 OR THE COMMISSION.
15 (3) (a) THE DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE DATA ADVISORY
16 GROUP INCLUDE ADVISING ON:
17 (I) THE DEVELOPMENT AND MAINTENANCE OF POLICIES AND
18 PROCEDURES FOR THE COLLECTION, STORAGE, AND USE OF DATA FROM
19 INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION BY THE DEPARTMENT PURSUANT TO
20 THIS TITLE 23, INCLUDING DATA COLLECTED THROUGH THE STUDENT UNIT
21 RECORD DATA SYSTEM OR A SUCCESSOR SYSTEM;
22 (II) THE IMPLEMENTATION OF NEW DATA COLLECTION AND
23 REPORTING REQUIREMENTS RESULTING FROM LEGISLATION;
24 (III) THE SHARING OF STATEWIDE INSTITUTIONAL AND STUDENT
25 DATA;
26 (IV) LEGISLATION THAT AFFECTS INSTITUTIONAL DATA
27 COLLECTION AND REPORTING; AND
28 (V) THE DEVELOPMENT OF GUIDELINES FOR DATA AGGREGATION
29 AND SUPPRESSION WITHIN DATA PRIVACY LAWS AND INDUSTRY BEST
30 PRACTICES REGARDING PERSONALLY IDENTIFYING INFORMATION.
31 (4) (a) THE COMMISSION SHALL CONSULT WITH THE DATA
32 ADVISORY GROUP TO ESTABLISH POLICIES THAT:
33 (I) INCLUDE PROCEDURES FOR THE DATA ADVISORY GROUP TO
34 DEVELOP AND SUBMIT RECOMMENDATIONS;
35 (II) ARTICULATE HOW THE DATA ADVISORY GROUP WILL HAVE THE
36 DATA, REPORTING, AND INFORMATION NECESSARY TO PERFORM THEIR
37 ADVISORY ROLE;
38 (III) INCLUDE A PROCESS FOR SHARING AGGREGATED STATEWIDE
39 DATA DERIVED FROM STATEWIDE INSTITUTIONAL AND STUDENT DATA;
40 (IV) INCLUDE A PROCESS FOR SHARING DE-IDENTIFIED STATEWIDE
41 DATA DERIVED FROM STATEWIDE INSTITUTIONAL AND STUDENT DATA;
42 (V) INCLUDE PROCEDURES THAT ENSURE SUFFICIENT TIME TO
43 REVIEW DRAFT REPORTING AND SUPPORTING DATA THAT IS DERIVED FROM

1 STATEWIDE INSTITUTIONAL AND STUDENT DATA AND THAT IS RELATED TO
2 FUNDING OR RESOURCE ALLOCATION, LEGISLATIVE REPORTS, OR
3 STRATEGIC PLANNING; AND
4 (VI) ENSURE THAT ALL DATA AND REPORTING SHARED BETWEEN
5 THE DEPARTMENT, THE DATA ADVISORY GROUP, AND THE COMMISSION:
6 (A) SEEKS TO MAXIMIZE DATA TRANSPARENCY BETWEEN ENTITIES;
7 (B) SEEKS TO MINIMIZE THE TIME LAPSED BETWEEN DATA
8 SUBMISSIONS AND AVAILABILITY OF DATA AND REPORTING;
9 (C) INCLUDES DATA FROM ALL PARTICIPATING INSTITUTIONS;
10 (D) PROVIDES DETAIL BY INSTITUTION AND GOVERNING BOARD;
11 AND
12 (E) IS SUFFICIENT TO ALLOW FOR VALIDATION BY INSTITUTIONAL
13 STAFF.
14 (b) THE COMMISSION RETAINS FINAL AUTHORITY OVER DATA
15 POLICY AND MAY PROVIDE REASONING OF FINAL DECISIONS TO THE DATA
16 ADVISORY GROUP.
17 (c) TO ACCOMPLISH ITS DUTIES, THE DATA ADVISORY GROUP SHALL
18 MEET AT LEAST QUARTERLY."

19 Strike page 11.

20 Page 12, strike line 1.

21 Strike "means" and substitute "means:" on: **Page 4**, lines 6 and 25.

22 Strike "(a) one" and substitute "(a) One" on: **Page 4**, lines 7 and 26.

23 Strike "*23-20-101 (1)(b)*," on: **Page 4**, line 9; and **Page 5**, line 1.

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