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**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

101      **CONCERNING ACHIEVING A VISION FOR EDUCATION IN COLORADO,**  
102      **AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.**

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**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 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

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*Capital letters indicate new material to be added to existing statute.  
Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.*



1 FINDS THAT:

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

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

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

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

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

27 (2) THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FURTHER FINDS THAT:

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

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

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

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

25           (e) COLORADO ALSO NEEDS A STRATEGIC STATEWIDE EDUCATION  
26 PLAN TO PROVIDE A CONTEXT FOR ANALYZING AND ACCEPTING OR  
27 REJECTING NEW EDUCATION TECHNOLOGIES AND OTHER INNOVATIONS

1 AND IDEAS FOR DELIVERING EDUCATION THAT ARE NOW DEVELOPING AND  
2 WILL CONTINUE TO ADVANCE; AND

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

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

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

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

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

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

1           (4) "STRATEGIC PLAN" MEANS THE STRATEGIC STATEWIDE  
2 EDUCATION PLAN.

3           **22-1-203. Strategic planning legislative steering committee -**  
4 **created - membership.** (1) THERE IS CREATED IN THE LEGISLATIVE  
5 DEPARTMENT THE STRATEGIC PLANNING LEGISLATIVE STEERING  
6 COMMITTEE FOR CREATING A VISION FOR EDUCATION IN COLORADO AND  
7 CREATING A STRATEGIC STATEWIDE EDUCATION PLAN. THE STEERING  
8 COMMITTEE, WORKING WITH THE EXECUTIVE ADVISORY BOARD AND THE  
9 STATEWIDE ADVISORY BOARD CREATED IN SECTION 22-1-204, SHALL  
10 ESTABLISH THE STRUCTURE AND PROCESS FOR CREATING THE VISION FOR  
11 EDUCATION AND THE STRATEGIC PLAN AND SHALL OVERSEE THE ONGOING  
12 IMPLEMENTATION OF THE STRATEGIC PLAN AS PROVIDED IN SECTION  
13 22-1-206.

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

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

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

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

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

1 OF THE SENATE.

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

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

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

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

1 OF THE STEERING COMMITTEE, A STATE DEPARTMENT SHALL PROVIDE  
2 RESEARCH OR INFORMATION TO SUPPORT THE WORK OF THE STEERING  
3 COMMITTEE.

4 (6) (a) THE MEMBERS OF THE STEERING COMMITTEE SHALL  
5 RECEIVE COMPENSATION AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 2-2-326.  
6 COMPENSATION FOR MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND FOR  
7 STAFF ASSISTANCE TO THE STEERING COMMITTEE AND ADVISORY BOARDS  
8 PROVIDED BY THE DIRECTOR OF RESEARCH OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL,  
9 THE DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE LEGAL SERVICES, AND THE  
10 DIRECTOR OF THE JOINT BUDGET COMMITTEE STAFF MUST BE APPROVED BY  
11 THE CHAIR OF THE STEERING COMMITTEE AND PAID BY VOUCHERS AND  
12 WARRANTS DRAWN AS PROVIDED BY LAW FROM MONEY APPROPRIATED OR  
13 CREDITED TO THE STRATEGIC PLANNING LEGISLATIVE STEERING  
14 COMMITTEE ACCOUNT CREATED IN THE LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT CASH  
15 FUND IN SECTION 2-2-1601 (2.7).

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



1 ACCOUNT.

2 **22-1-204. Executive advisory board - statewide advisory board**

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

12 (2) (a) THE EXECUTIVE ADVISORY BOARD CONSISTS OF THE  
13 FOLLOWING MEMBERS:

14 (I) THE COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION APPOINTED BY THE STATE  
15 BOARD OF EDUCATION PURSUANT TO SECTION 1 OF ARTICLE IX OF THE  
16 STATE CONSTITUTION;

17 (II) THE CHAIR OF THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION CREATED IN  
18 SECTION 1 OF ARTICLE IX OF THE STATE CONSTITUTION AND THE RANKING  
19 MINORITY PARTY MEMBER OF THE BOARD;

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

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

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

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

1 (b) THE CHAIR OF THE STEERING COMMITTEE SHALL CALL THE  
2 FIRST MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE ADVISORY BOARD. AT THE FIRST  
3 MEETING AND EVERY TWO YEARS THEREAFTER, THE MEMBERS OF THE  
4 EXECUTIVE ADVISORY BOARD SHALL SELECT MEMBERS TO SERVE AS CHAIR  
5 AND VICE-CHAIR. THE EXECUTIVE ADVISORY BOARD MAY SELECT THE  
6 SAME PERSON TO SERVE MULTIPLE CONSECUTIVE TERMS.

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

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

- 19 (I) TEACHERS IN ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS;
- 20 (II) NONTEACHING STAFF IN ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY  
21 SCHOOLS;
- 22 (III) PUBLIC SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS AND SCHOOL DISTRICT  
23 SUPERINTENDENTS;
- 24 (IV) MEMBERS OF SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARDS OF EDUCATION;
- 25 (V) CHARTER SCHOOL GOVERNING BOARD MEMBERS,  
26 ADMINISTRATORS, AND TEACHERS;
- 27 (VI) FACULTY MEMBERS AND ADMINISTRATORS FROM

1 INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION IN THE STATE;

2 (VII) PARENTS OF STUDENTS ENROLLED IN AN ELEMENTARY OR  
3 SECONDARY SCHOOL, WHICH MAY INCLUDE PARENTS WHO SERVE ON  
4 SCHOOL DISTRICT OR SCHOOL ACCOUNTABILITY COMMITTEES;

5 (VIII) PARENTS OF STUDENTS ENROLLED IN AN INSTITUTION OF  
6 HIGHER EDUCATION IN THE STATE;

7 (IX) ENROLLED STUDENTS OR RECENT GRADUATES OF HIGH  
8 SCHOOLS OR INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION;

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

10 (XI) MEMBERS OF THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY.

11 (b) IN APPOINTING MEMBERS OF THE STATEWIDE ADVISORY BOARD,  
12 THE CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR OF THE STEERING COMMITTEE, TO THE EXTENT  
13 PRACTICABLE, SHALL:

14 (I) ENSURE THAT THE MEMBERS REPRESENT ALL AREAS OF THE  
15 STATE, INCLUDING URBAN, SUBURBAN, AND RURAL AREAS, AND REFLECT  
16 THE GENDER AND RACIAL DEMOGRAPHICS OF THE STATE; AND

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

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

27 (d) THE MEMBERS OF THE STATEWIDE ADVISORY BOARD SERVE

1 WITHOUT COMPENSATION BUT MAY BE REIMBURSED FOR NECESSARY  
2 EXPENSES INCURRED IN SERVING ON THE STATEWIDE ADVISORY BOARD.

3 (4) THE ADVISORY BOARDS SHALL MEET AT THE CALL OF THE  
4 RESPECTIVE CHAIRS OF THE BOARDS AND, AT THE REQUEST OF THE CHAIR  
5 OF THE STEERING COMMITTEE, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE STEERING  
6 COMMITTEE, AS OFTEN AS NECESSARY TO COMPLETE THEIR DUTIES. THE  
7 CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR OF THE STEERING COMMITTEE AND THE CHAIRS  
8 AND VICE-CHAIRS OF THE ADVISORY BOARDS SHALL COORDINATE THE  
9 WORK OF THE STEERING COMMITTEE AND THE ADVISORY BOARDS.

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

17 (2) THE DUTIES OF THE FACILITATOR INCLUDE:

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

1 PLAN.

2 (b) HOLDING PUBLIC MEETINGS AROUND THE STATE TO SOLICIT  
3 INPUT CONCERNING THE STATEWIDE STRUCTURE AND PROCESSES FOR  
4 OBTAINING INPUT REGARDING THE VISION FOR EDUCATION AND THE  
5 STRATEGIC PLAN;

6 (c) CONVENING, FACILITATING, AND STAFFING MEETINGS OF THE  
7 STEERING COMMITTEE, THE ADVISORY BOARDS, AND OTHER LOCAL  
8 ADVISORY GROUPS AT THE REQUEST OF THE CHAIR OF THE STEERING  
9 COMMITTEE;

10 (d) PROVIDING OTHER STAFF SUPPORT FOR THE STEERING  
11 COMMITTEE AND THE ADVISORY BOARDS;

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

23 (f) PROVIDING RESEARCH OR OTHER SERVICES TO ASSIST THE  
24 STEERING COMMITTEE AND THE ADVISORY BOARDS IN COMPLETING THEIR  
25 DUTIES; AND

26 (g) OTHER DUTIES OR TASKS THAT THE CHAIR OF THE STEERING  
27 COMMITTEE MAY ASSIGN TO ASSIST THE STEERING COMMITTEE OR THE

1 ADVISORY BOARDS IN COMPLETING THEIR DUTIES.

2 **22-1-206. Steering committee - advisory boards - duties -**  
3 **reports.** (1) THE WORK OF THE STEERING COMMITTEE AND THE ADVISORY  
4 BOARDS IS ORGANIZED AS FOLLOWS:

5 (a) PHASE ONE:

6 (I) OVERSEE THE WORK OF THE FACILITATOR IN IMPLEMENTING  
7 THE STATEWIDE COMMUNICATIONS PLAN;

8 (II) REVIEW AND SYNTHESIZE PUBLIC INPUT PREVIOUSLY  
9 COLLECTED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND THE DEPARTMENT  
10 OF HIGHER EDUCATION CONCERNING THE EDUCATION SYSTEM IN THE  
11 STATE;

12 (III) REVIEW AND SYNTHESIZE PERTINENT RESEARCH REGARDING  
13 ACADEMICALLY HIGH-PERFORMING STATES AND COUNTRIES AND THE  
14 STRUCTURE OF THEIR EDUCATION SYSTEMS;

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

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

1 ESTIMATED TIMELINE FOR FINALIZING THE VISION AND CREATING AND  
2 STARTING TO IMPLEMENT THE STRATEGIC PLAN.

3 (b) PHASE TWO:

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

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

9 (c) PHASE THREE:

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

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

16 (B) PRIORITIZE WORK ON IMPROVING THE CRITICAL ELEMENTS,  
17 INCLUDING ESTABLISHING TIMELINES FOR IMPLEMENTING THE  
18 IMPROVEMENTS TO THE CRITICAL ELEMENTS;

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

22 (D) ALLOW FOR PERIODIC REVIEW AND, IF NECESSARY, REVISION  
23 TO ENSURE CONTINUING PROGRESS TOWARD ACHIEVING THE VISION FOR  
24 EDUCATION; AND

25 (II) BY THE DATE THAT THE STEERING COMMITTEE SPECIFIES IN  
26 PHASE ONE OF THE WORK, SUBMIT THE DRAFT VISION AND THE DRAFT  
27 STRATEGIC PLAN TO THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION, THE GOVERNOR,

1 AND THE EDUCATION COMMITTEES FOR REVIEW AND COMMENT.

2 (d) PHASE FOUR:

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

4 (II) ADOPT AND OVERSEE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE  
5 STRATEGIC PLAN; AND

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

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

20 (2) NOTWITHSTANDING THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 24-1-136  
21 (11)(a)(I), ON OR BEFORE NOVEMBER 15, 2017, AND ON OR BEFORE  
22 NOVEMBER 15 EACH YEAR THEREAFTER, THE STEERING COMMITTEE SHALL  
23 SUBMIT TO THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION, THE COLORADO  
24 COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION, THE GOVERNOR, AND THE  
25 EDUCATION COMMITTEES A REPORT OF THE STEERING COMMITTEE'S  
26 PROGRESS IN COMPLETING THE PHASES OF WORK DESCRIBED IN  
27 SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS SECTION. AT A MINIMUM, THE REPORT MUST



1 INCLUDE A SUMMARY OF THE WORK COMPLETED, DEADLINES FOR  
2 COMPLETING THE REMAINING WORK, AND RECOMMENDATIONS, IF ANY,  
3 FOR STATUTORY OR REGULATORY CHANGES THAT ARE REQUIRED TO  
4 COMPLETE THE WORK AND IMPLEMENT THE STRATEGIC PLAN.

5 **22-1-207. Continuation of steering committee and advisory**  
6 **board.** NOTWITHSTANDING THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 2-3-1203, THE  
7 STEERING COMMITTEE AND THE ADVISORY BOARDS ARE PERMANENT,  
8 ONGOING ENTITIES. AS SUCH, THEY ARE NOT SUBJECT TO REVIEW BY THE  
9 DEPARTMENT OF REGULATORY AGENCIES AND SHALL CONTINUE UNTIL  
10 SUCH TIME AS THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY CHOOSES TO REPEAL SECTION  
11 22-1-203 OR 22-1-204.

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

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

26 (2.7) THERE IS CREATED IN THE LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT CASH  
27 FUND THE STRATEGIC PLANNING LEGISLATIVE STEERING COMMITTEE

1 ACCOUNT, REFERRED TO IN THIS SUBSECTION (2.7) AS THE "STEERING  
2 COMMITTEE ACCOUNT". THE STEERING COMMITTEE ACCOUNT IS  
3 COMPRISED OF ANY MONEY APPROPRIATED OR TRANSFERRED TO THE  
4 STEERING COMMITTEE ACCOUNT AND ANY MONEY RECEIVED BY THE  
5 STRATEGIC PLANNING LEGISLATIVE STEERING COMMITTEE, CREATED IN  
6 SECTION 22-1-203, OR THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AS PUBLIC OR PRIVATE  
7 GIFTS, GRANTS, OR DONATIONS RELATED TO CREATING THE VISION FOR  
8 EDUCATION IN COLORADO OR CREATING OR OVERSEEING THE STRATEGIC  
9 STATEWIDE EDUCATION PLAN TO IMPLEMENT THE VISION. MONEY IN THE  
10 STEERING COMMITTEE ACCOUNT IS CONTINUOUSLY APPROPRIATED TO THE  
11 STEERING COMMITTEE AND TO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL STAFF TO PAY  
12 FOR THE EXPENSES DESCRIBED IN SECTION 22-1-203 (6). ALL INTEREST  
13 EARNED ON THE INVESTMENT OF MONEY IN THE STEERING COMMITTEE  
14 ACCOUNT SHALL BE CREDITED TO THE ACCOUNT. ANY MONEY CREDITED  
15 TO THE STEERING COMMITTEE ACCOUNT AND UNEXPENDED AT THE END OF  
16 A FISCAL YEAR MUST REMAIN IN THE STEERING COMMITTEE ACCOUNT AND  
17 SHALL NOT REVERT OR BE TRANSFERRED TO THE GENERAL FUND OR ANY  
18 OTHER FUND.

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

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

24 **SECTION 4. Appropriation.** For the 2017-18 state fiscal year,  
25 \$294,672 is appropriated to the strategic planning legislative steering  
26 committee account of the legislative department cash fund created in  
27 section 2-2-1601 (2.7), C.R.S. This appropriation is from the state public

1 school fund created in section 22-54-114 (1), C.R.S. The legislative  
2 department is responsible for the accounting related to this appropriation.

3 **SECTION 5. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,  
4 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate  
5 preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.