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**HOUSE BILL 20-1039**

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**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

101      **CONCERNING A TRANSPARENT STATE WEB PORTAL THAT ALLOWS THE**  
102                    **PUBLIC TO EASILY SEARCH FOR INFORMATION RELATING TO**  
103                    **STATE AGENCY RULES AT NO COST.**

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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>.)*

Effective January 1, 2021, the bill requires an agency that is or will be conducting rule-making proceedings to post several types of notifications regarding the proceedings on an easily searched rule-making transparency website and mobile application created and hosted by the statewide internet portal authority.

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.  
Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material to be added to existing statute.  
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SENATE  
3rd Reading Unamended  
March 14, 2020

SENATE  
2nd Reading Unamended  
March 13, 2020

HOUSE  
3rd Reading Unamended  
February 28, 2020

HOUSE  
Amended 2nd Reading  
February 27, 2020

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

2           **SECTION 1. Legislative declaration.** (1) The general assembly  
3 hereby:

4           (a) Finds that rules adopted by executive branch agencies affect  
5 many areas of daily life for Colorado citizens, including water, air, food,  
6 energy, mobility, employment, and health care;

7           (b) Determines that:

8           (I) Maintaining a vibrant business economy in the state is a goal  
9 shared by all Coloradans; and

10           (II) The state has made tremendous progress in its transparency as  
11 new and innovative technologies become available; and

12           (c) Declares that this act is a continuation of this ongoing  
13 transparency program and that public participation promotes a sense of  
14 acceptability and fairness in the rule-making process and can help foster  
15 greater public trust.

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17           **SECTION 2. Online transparency task force.** (1) There is  
18 hereby created the online transparency task force. Interested legislators  
19 and the following individuals, or their designees, may participate in the  
20 task force:

21           (a) The head of each principal department listed in section  
22 24-1-110, Colorado Revised Statutes;

23           (b) The chief information officer appointed pursuant to section  
24 24-37.5-103, Colorado Revised Statutes; and

25           (c) The executive director of the statewide internet portal authority  
26 appointed pursuant to section 24-37.7-104 (1)(o), Colorado Revised

1 Statutes.

2 (2) The task force member specified in subsection (1)(c) of this  
3 section shall chair the task force and call the first meeting of the task  
4 force as soon as possible. The task force shall meet as necessary at the  
5 call of the chair to timely complete its duties. The task force shall give  
6 public notice of its meetings and provide an opportunity for the public to  
7 attend and comment on its proceedings.

8 (3) The purpose of the task force is to recommend:

9 (a) Ways to enhance citizens' online access to rules and the  
10 rule-making process and to increase the transparency of the rule-making  
11 process, including potential improvements to existing online resources  
12 and the potential creation of new online resources;

13 (b) Options for the design and implementation of an integrated  
14 state rule-making web portal;

15 (c) Common rule-making agency reporting formats, workflows,  
16 timelines, and protocols; and

17 (d) An entity to manage the integrated state rule-making web  
18 portal.

19 (4) The task force shall submit a written report that summarizes  
20 its recommendations by January 1, 2021, to the general assembly's  
21 committees of reference with jurisdiction over business and state affairs  
22 and cease operations upon submission of the report.

23 **SECTION 3. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act  
24 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the  
25 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly (August  
26 5, 2020, if adjournment sine die is on May 6, 2020); except that, if a  
27 referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the

1 state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act  
2 within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take effect  
3 unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in  
4 November 2020 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the  
5 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.