

CHAPTER 74

GOVERNMENT - STATE

HOUSE BILL 20-1039

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 also SENATOR(S) Zenzinger and Tate, Bridges, Fenberg, Fields, Ginal, Holbert, Lundeen, Moreno, Priola, Rankin, Smallwood, Story, Todd, Winter, Garcia.

AN ACT

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

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

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

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

(b) Determines that:

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

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

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

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

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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

SECTION 3. 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 (August 5, 2020, if adjournment sine die is on May 6, 2020); 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 2020 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.

Approved: March 24, 2020