

CHAPTER 267

EDUCATION - PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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AN ACT

CONCERNING TRANSPARENCY IN READING PROGRAMS IMPLEMENTED IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.

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

SECTION 1. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-7-1208, **add** (8) as follows:

22-7-1208. Local education providers - procedures - plans - training.

(8) (a) EACH LOCAL EDUCATION PROVIDER SHALL SUBMIT TO THE DEPARTMENT, AND UPDATE AS NECESSARY TO REMAIN CURRENT, THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION, AND THE DEPARTMENT SHALL POST THE INFORMATION ON THE DEPARTMENT'S WEBSITE, AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 22-7-1209 (9):

(I) THE CORE AND SUPPLEMENTAL READING CURRICULUM, AS DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (5)(a)(I) OF THIS SECTION, OR A DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE READING CURRICULUM, BY GRADE, USED AT EACH OF THE SCHOOLS OPERATED BY THE LOCAL EDUCATION PROVIDER;

(II) THE TARGETED, EVIDENCE-BASED OR SCIENTIFICALLY BASED CORE AND SUPPLEMENTAL READING INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAMS AND INTERVENTION READING INSTRUCTION, SERVICES, AND OTHER SUPPORTS, AS DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (5)(a)(II) OF THIS SECTION, OR A DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PROGRAMS, SERVICES, AND OTHER SUPPORTS, PROVIDED BY EACH OF THE SCHOOLS OPERATED BY THE LOCAL EDUCATION PROVIDER; AND

(III) THE INFORMATION REQUIRED TO BE PROVIDED TO THE DEPARTMENT BY A LOCAL EDUCATION PROVIDER PURSUANT TO SECTION 22-7-1210.5 (2) PRIOR TO

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RECEIVING PER-PUPIL INTERVENTION MONEY, AS WELL AS THE NUMBER OF STUDENTS ENROLLED BY THE LOCAL EDUCATION PROVIDER WHO ARE NO LONGER IDENTIFIED AS HAVING A SIGNIFICANT READING DEFICIENCY; EXCEPT THAT THE DEPARTMENT IS NOT REQUIRED TO POST ON THE WEBSITE THE NUMBER OF STUDENTS WHO ARE NO LONGER IDENTIFIED AS HAVING A SIGNIFICANT READING DEFICIENCY IF THE NUMBER OF THOSE STUDENTS AS SUBMITTED BY A LOCAL EDUCATION PROVIDER IS SMALLER THAN THE MINIMUM NUMBER OF STUDENTS NECESSARY TO PROTECT STUDENT PRIVACY, AS DETERMINED BY THE DEPARTMENT.

(b) EACH LOCAL EDUCATION PROVIDER SHALL INCLUDE ON ITS WEBSITE A LINK TO THE PAGE ON WHICH THE MATERIALS DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (8)(a) OF THIS SECTION ARE POSTED ON THE DEPARTMENT'S WEBSITE. THE LINK MUST BE EASILY IDENTIFIABLE IN A LOCATION ON THE LOCAL EDUCATION PROVIDER'S WEBSITE THAT IS IDENTIFIED AS RELATING TO STUDENT LITERACY OR THE "COLORADO READ Act". THE LOCAL EDUCATION PROVIDER SHALL ALSO ENSURE THAT EACH SCHOOL-LEVEL WEBSITE FOR A SCHOOL OPERATED BY THE LOCAL EDUCATION PROVIDER INCLUDES THE LINK TO THE INFORMATION ON THE DEPARTMENT'S WEBSITE.

SECTION 2. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-7-1209, **add** (9) as follows:

22-7-1209. State board - rules - department - duties. (9) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL POST ON ITS WEBSITE THE INFORMATION SUBMITTED BY LOCAL EDUCATION PROVIDERS PURSUANT TO SECTION 22-7-1208 (8). THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ENSURE THAT THE INFORMATION IS POSTED IN A USER-FRIENDLY FORMAT AND IN A LOCATION ON THE WEBSITE EASILY IDENTIFIED AS RELATING TO STUDENT LITERACY OR THE "COLORADO READ Act". THE DEPARTMENT SHALL NOTIFY THE LOCAL EDUCATION PROVIDERS OF THE SPECIFIC INTERNET ADDRESS FOR THE PAGE ON WHICH THE INFORMATION IS POSTED AND SHALL UPDATE THE INFORMATION IN A TIMELY MANNER AS IT RECEIVES UPDATES FROM THE LOCAL EDUCATION PROVIDERS.

SECTION 3. Appropriation. For the 2021-22 state fiscal year, \$91,944 is appropriated to the department of education. This appropriation is from the early literacy fund created in section 22-7-1210 (1), C.R.S., and is based on an assumption that the department will require an additional 0.3 FTE. To implement this act, the department may use this appropriation for early literacy program administration and technical support.

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

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