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SENATE BILL 23-008

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH INVOLVEMENT IN THE**
102 **REVIEW OF THE STATE'S EDUCATION STANDARDS.**

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 several opportunities for youth to be involved in the review of the state's education standards. Youth representatives shall be appointed as follows:

- The commissioner of education (commissioner) shall appoint youth representatives from nominations submitted by schools throughout the state to participate in the

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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standards development process, which includes community engagement;

- The commissioner shall appoint 2 youth representatives to any regional educator meetings; and
- Each local education provider shall appoint 2 youth representatives to any review committees for local education providers.

In each instance, the appointing authority shall select the youth representatives from nominations submitted by schools throughout the state, and, if applicable, one must be from an urban area and one must be from a rural area.

Youth representatives will serve as voting members of the committees and be reappointed pursuant to each committee's process. The department of education (department) may compensate youth representatives for actual expenses incurred with participation, and, if appropriate, provide a stipend in an amount determined by the department.

The department shall promote the opportunities for youth involvement and request schools nominate youth to participate.

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 24-1-104.1 as
3 follows:

4 **24-1-104.1. State education standards review - review**
5 **committees convened by department of education - youth**
6 **participation.** BY SEPTEMBER 1, 2023, AND BY EACH SEPTEMBER 1
7 THEREAFTER, THE COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION SHALL APPOINT YOUTH
8 REPRESENTATIVES FROM NOMINATIONS SUBMITTED BY SCHOOLS
9 THROUGHOUT THE STATE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE STANDARDS
10 DEVELOPMENT PROCESS DESCRIBED IN SECTION 22-7-1005, WHICH
11 INCLUDES COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT. TO THE EXTENT POSSIBLE, THE
12 DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION SHALL SELECT YOUTH REPRESENTATIVES
13 FROM BOTH RURAL AND URBAN AREAS. THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
14 SHALL PROMOTE THE OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH INVOLVEMENT TO

1 SCHOOLS THROUGHOUT THE STATE AND REQUEST THAT SCHOOLS
2 NOMINATE YOUTH TO SERVE AS YOUTH REPRESENTATIVES. YOUTH
3 REPRESENTATIVES MAY BE REIMBURSED FOR ACTUAL AND REASONABLE
4 EXPENSES INCURRED IN THE PERFORMANCE OF THEIR DUTIES AND MAY
5 RECEIVE A STIPEND FOR PARTICIPATION IN AN AMOUNT TO BE DETERMINED
6 BY THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION.

7 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-7-1011, **amend**
8 (2) introductory portion, (2)(c), and (2)(d); and **add** (2)(e) as follows:

9 **22-7-1011. Regional educator meetings - purpose -**
10 **recommendations.** (2) At a minimum, THE COMMISSIONER AND THE
11 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SHALL INVITE the following persons ~~shall be invited~~
12 to attend the regional educator meetings in each regional service area:

13 (c) The preschool, elementary, and secondary teachers, principals,
14 administrators, counselors, and other special services providers employed
15 by the local education providers located in the regional service area; ~~and~~

16 (d) The postsecondary faculty, academic advisors, and
17 administrators employed by the state institutions of higher education and
18 local district colleges, if any, located in the regional service area; AND

19 (e) TWO YOUTH REPRESENTATIVES FROM NOMINATIONS
20 SUBMITTED BY SCHOOLS BY SEPTEMBER 1, 2023, AND BY EVERY
21 SEPTEMBER 1 THEREAFTER. IF APPLICABLE, ONE YOUTH MEMBER MUST BE
22 FROM AN URBAN AREA AND ONE YOUTH REPRESENTATIVE MUST BE FROM
23 A RURAL AREA. THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION SHALL PROMOTE THE
24 OPPORTUNITY FOR YOUTH INVOLVEMENT TO SCHOOLS THROUGHOUT THE
25 STATE AND REQUEST SCHOOLS NOMINATE YOUTH TO ATTEND REGIONAL
26 EDUCATOR MEETINGS. YOUTH REPRESENTATIVES SERVE WITHOUT
27 COMPENSATION BUT MAY BE REIMBURSED FOR ACTUAL AND REASONABLE

1 EXPENSES INCURRED IN THE PERFORMANCE OF THEIR DUTIES.

2 **SECTION 3.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-7-1013, **amend**
3 (5) as follows:

4 **22-7-1013. Local education provider - preschool through**
5 **elementary and secondary education standards - adoption - academic**
6 **acceleration.** (5) (a) On or before July 1, 2017, and on or before July 1
7 every six years thereafter, each local education provider shall review its
8 preschool through elementary and secondary education standards and,
9 taking into account any revisions to the state preschool through
10 elementary and secondary education standards, shall revise and readopt
11 its standards, if necessary, to ensure that ~~they~~ THE LOCAL EDUCATION
12 PROVIDER'S STANDARDS continue to meet or exceed the state preschool
13 through elementary and secondary education standards. The local
14 education provider shall revise its curricula accordingly to ensure that the
15 curricula continue to align with the local education provider's preschool
16 through elementary and secondary education standards.

17 (b) AS PART OF EACH LOCAL EDUCATION PROVIDER'S REVIEW,
18 REGARDLESS OF TIME FRAME, EACH LOCAL EDUCATION PROVIDER SHALL
19 SELECT TWO YOUTH REPRESENTATIVES FROM NOMINATIONS RECEIVED
20 FROM SCHOOLS IN THE LOCAL EDUCATION PROVIDER'S RANGE TO
21 PARTICIPATE IN THE REVIEW. IF APPLICABLE, ONE YOUTH REPRESENTATIVE
22 MUST BE FROM AN URBAN AREA AND ONE YOUTH REPRESENTATIVE MUST
23 BE FROM A RURAL AREA. THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION SHALL
24 PROMOTE THE OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH INVOLVEMENT TO SCHOOLS
25 WITHIN THE LOCAL EDUCATION PROVIDER'S RANGE AND REQUEST SCHOOLS
26 WITHIN THE LOCAL EDUCATION PROVIDER'S RANGE NOMINATE YOUTH TO
27 PARTICIPATE IN THE REVIEW OF LOCAL EDUCATION STANDARDS. YOUTH

1 REPRESENTATIVES SERVE WITHOUT COMPENSATION BUT MAY BE
2 REIMBURSED FOR ACTUAL AND REASONABLE EXPENSES INCURRED IN THE
3 PERFORMANCE OF THEIR DUTIES.

4 **SECTION 4. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act
5 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the
6 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly; except
7 that, if a referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V
8 of the state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this
9 act within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take
10 effect unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in
11 November 2024 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the
12 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.