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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, AND, IN**
103 **CONNECTION THEREWITH, MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.**

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

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Dashes through the words or numbers indicate deletions from existing law.*

by schools throughout the state to participate in the 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 - definition.** BY SEPTEMBER 1, 2023, AND BY EACH
7 SEPTEMBER 1 THEREAFTER, THE COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION SHALL
8 APPOINT YOUTH REPRESENTATIVES FROM NOMINATIONS SUBMITTED BY
9 SCHOOLS THROUGHOUT THE STATE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE STANDARDS
10 DEVELOPMENT PROCESS DESCRIBED IN SECTION 22-7-1005, WHICH
11 INCLUDES COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT. THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
12 SHALL SELECT YOUTH REPRESENTATIVES FROM RURAL, SMALL RURAL, AND
13 URBAN SCHOOL DISTRICTS, AS THOSE DISTRICTS ARE DESIGNATED BY THE
14 DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION. THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION SHALL

1 PROMOTE THE OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH INVOLVEMENT TO SCHOOLS
2 THROUGHOUT THE STATE AND REQUEST THAT SCHOOLS NOMINATE YOUTH
3 TO SERVE AS YOUTH REPRESENTATIVES. YOUTH REPRESENTATIVES MAY
4 BE REIMBURSED FOR ACTUAL AND REASONABLE EXPENSES INCURRED IN
5 THE PERFORMANCE OF THEIR DUTIES AND MAY RECEIVE A STIPEND FOR
6 PARTICIPATION IN AN AMOUNT TO BE DETERMINED BY THE DEPARTMENT
7 OF EDUCATION. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, "YOUTH" MEANS THE
8 AGE OF ELIGIBILITY FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE COLORADO YOUTH ADVISORY
9 COUNCIL, AS SET FORTH IN SECTION 2-2-1303 (1)(b)(I).

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

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

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

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

23 (e) TWO YOUTH REPRESENTATIVES FROM NOMINATIONS
24 SUBMITTED BY SCHOOLS BY SEPTEMBER 1, 2023, AND BY EVERY
25 SEPTEMBER 1 THEREAFTER. WHEN POSSIBLE, ONE YOUTH
26 REPRESENTATIVE EACH MUST BE FROM AN URBAN SCHOOL DISTRICT AND
27 ONE YOUTH REPRESENTATIVE FROM A RURAL OR SMALL RURAL SCHOOL

1 DISTRICT, AS THOSE DISTRICTS ARE DESIGNATED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF
2 EDUCATION. THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION SHALL PROMOTE THE
3 OPPORTUNITY FOR YOUTH INVOLVEMENT TO SCHOOLS THROUGHOUT THE
4 STATE AND REQUEST SCHOOLS NOMINATE YOUTH TO ATTEND REGIONAL
5 EDUCATOR MEETINGS. YOUTH REPRESENTATIVES SERVE WITHOUT
6 COMPENSATION BUT MAY BE REIMBURSED FOR ACTUAL AND REASONABLE
7 EXPENSES INCURRED IN THE PERFORMANCE OF THEIR DUTIES. FOR THE
8 PURPOSES OF THIS SUBSECTION (2)(e), "YOUTH" MEANS THE AGE OF
9 ELIGIBILITY FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE COLORADO YOUTH ADVISORY
10 COUNCIL, AS SET FORTH IN SECTION 2-2-1303 (1)(b)(I).

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

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

26 (b) AS PART OF EACH LOCAL EDUCATION PROVIDER'S REVIEW,
27 REGARDLESS OF TIME FRAME, EACH LOCAL EDUCATION PROVIDER SHALL

1 SELECT TWO YOUTH REPRESENTATIVES FROM NOMINATIONS RECEIVED
2 FROM SCHOOLS IN THE LOCAL EDUCATION PROVIDER'S RANGE TO
3 PARTICIPATE IN THE REVIEW. WHEN POSSIBLE, ONE YOUTH
4 REPRESENTATIVE MUST BE FROM AN URBAN SCHOOL DISTRICT AND ONE
5 YOUTH REPRESENTATIVE MUST BE FROM A RURAL OR SMALL RURAL
6 SCHOOL DISTRICT, AS THOSE DISTRICTS ARE DESIGNATED BY THE
7 DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION. THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION SHALL
8 PROMOTE THE OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH INVOLVEMENT TO SCHOOLS
9 WITHIN THE LOCAL EDUCATION PROVIDER'S RANGE AND REQUEST SCHOOLS
10 WITHIN THE LOCAL EDUCATION PROVIDER'S RANGE NOMINATE YOUTH TO
11 PARTICIPATE IN THE REVIEW OF LOCAL EDUCATION STANDARDS. YOUTH
12 REPRESENTATIVES SERVE WITHOUT COMPENSATION BUT MAY BE
13 REIMBURSED FOR ACTUAL AND REASONABLE EXPENSES INCURRED IN THE
14 PERFORMANCE OF THEIR DUTIES. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SUBSECTION
15 (5)(b), "YOUTH" MEANS THE AGE OF ELIGIBILITY FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE
16 COLORADO YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL, AS SET FORTH IN SECTION
17 2-2-1303 (1)(b)(I).

18 **SECTION 4. Appropriation.** For the 2023-24 state fiscal year,
19 \$7,650 is appropriated to the department of education. This appropriation
20 is from the general fund. To implement this act, the department may use
21 this appropriation for content specialists.

22 **SECTION 5. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act
23 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the
24 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly; except
25 that, if a referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V
26 of the state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this
27 act within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take

1 effect unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in
2 November 2024 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the
3 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.