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HOUSE BILL 23-1132

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House Committees

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING THE COURT DATA-SHARING TASK FORCE.**

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 a data-sharing task force to evaluate data-sharing practices between state and municipal courts and report the evaluation to the judiciary committees of the general assembly. The task force shall:

- Investigate current data sharing and access to court data systems;
- Consider processes for sharing data and providing access to court data systems statewide; and
- Consider safety measures or integration of systems in order

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.
Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material to be added to existing law.
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to protect sensitive data in court systems.

The task force shall report its findings and recommendations to the judiciary committees of the house or representatives and the senate, or any successor committees, on or before January 8, 2024.

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 13-3-118 as
3 follows:

4 **13-3-118. Data-sharing task force between state and municipal**
5 **courts - creation - legislative declaration - repeal.** (1) THE GENERAL
6 ASSEMBLY FINDS AND DECLARES THAT:

7 (a) DATA COORDINATION AND SHARING BETWEEN STATE AND
8 MUNICIPAL COURTS IS CRITICAL FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE;

9 (b) THE EXISTING STATEWIDE COURT DATA SYSTEM PROVIDES ALL
10 BUT ONE OF THE CURRENT STATE COURTS WITH DIGITAL ACCESS TO CASE
11 INFORMATION STATEWIDE, BUT DOES NOT CURRENTLY SHARE CASE
12 INFORMATION WITH MUNICIPAL COURTS;

13 (c) DENVER COUNTY COURT IS BOTH A STATE AND MUNICIPAL
14 COURT AND DOES NOT CURRENTLY SHARE CASE INFORMATION STATEWIDE;

15 (d) MUNICIPAL COURT DATA SYSTEMS DO NOT CURRENTLY SHARE
16 MUNICIPAL CASE INFORMATION STATEWIDE;

17 (e) WHILE SOME MUNICIPAL COURTS HAVE CREATED READ-ONLY
18 DIGITAL DATA ACCESS, THIS ACCESS DOES NOT EXIST WITH ALL COURTS
19 THROUGHOUT THE STATE, WHICH CREATES GAPS AND REQUIRES EACH
20 COURT TO DIRECTLY CONTACT THE OTHER COURT TO REQUEST COPIES OF
21 COURT FILES OR CASES, RESULTING IN A TEDIOUS AND TIME-CONSUMING
22 PROCESS;

23 (f) PROVIDING READ-ONLY DIGITAL DATA ACCESS TO STATE AND

1 MUNICIPAL CASES AMONG COURTS WILL STREAMLINE COURT DATA
2 SHARING, SERVE THE PUBLIC INTEREST, AND NOT UNDULY BURDEN STATE
3 COURTS OR MUNICIPAL COURTS; AND

4 (g) IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT THE STATE JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT AND
5 MUNICIPAL COURTS COLLABORATE TO DETERMINE THE BEST PROCESS TO
6 IMPLEMENT A READ-ONLY DIGITAL DATA ACCESS COURT DATA SYSTEM.

7 (2) THERE IS CREATED IN THE JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT THE TASK
8 FORCE ON DATA SHARING BETWEEN STATE COURTS AND MUNICIPAL
9 COURTS, REFERRED TO IN THIS SECTION AS THE "TASK FORCE". THE TASK
10 FORCE MUST MEET REGULARLY TO:

11 (a) INVESTIGATE CURRENT DATA SHARING AND ACCESS TO COURT
12 DATA SYSTEMS;

13 (b) CONSIDER PROCESSES FOR SHARING DATA AND PROVIDING
14 ACCESS TO COURT DATA SYSTEMS STATEWIDE; AND

15 (c) CONSIDER SAFETY MEASURES OR INTEGRATION OF SYSTEMS IN
16 ORDER TO PROTECT SENSITIVE DATA IN COURT SYSTEMS.

17 (3) THE TASK FORCE CONSISTS OF:

18 (a) THREE REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE STATE JUDICIAL
19 DEPARTMENT, ONE OF WHOM MUST BE A CHIEF JUDGE WHO WILL SERVE AS
20 THE CHAIR OF THE COMMITTEE, APPOINTED BY THE JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT;

21 (b) THE STATE COURT ADMINISTRATOR OR THE ADMINISTRATOR'S
22 DESIGNEE, APPOINTED BY THE JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT;

23 (c) FIVE REPRESENTATIVES FROM MUNICIPAL COURTS, WITH AT
24 LEAST ONE REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE DENVER COUNTY COURT, AT
25 LEAST ONE REPRESENTATIVE FROM A MUNICIPAL COURT IN A
26 MUNICIPALITY WITH A POPULATION OF FIFTY THOUSAND TO FIVE HUNDRED
27 NINETY-NINE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED NINETY-NINE, AT LEAST ONE

1 REPRESENTATIVE FROM A MUNICIPAL COURT IN A MUNICIPALITY WITH A
2 POPULATION OF EIGHT THOUSAND TO FORTY-NINE THOUSAND NINE
3 HUNDRED AND NINETY-NINE, AND AT LEAST ONE REPRESENTATIVE FROM
4 A MUNICIPAL COURT IN A MUNICIPALITY WITH A POPULATION OF FEWER
5 THAN EIGHT THOUSAND. ONE MUNICIPAL COURT REPRESENTATIVE MUST
6 SERVE AS THE VICE-CHAIR OF THE COMMITTEE. EACH OF THESE
7 REPRESENTATIVES IS APPOINTED BY A STATEWIDE ORGANIZATION OF
8 MUNICIPALITIES.

9 (d) A REPRESENTATIVE WHO WORKS AS A MUNICIPAL PROSECUTOR,
10 APPOINTED BY A STATEWIDE ORGANIZATION OF MUNICIPALITIES;

11 (e) A REPRESENTATIVE WHO WORKS AS A MUNICIPAL PUBLIC
12 DEFENDER, APPOINTED BY A STATEWIDE ORGANIZATION OF
13 MUNICIPALITIES;

14 (f) A REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE COLORADO DISTRICT
15 ATTORNEYS' COUNCIL, APPOINTED BY THE OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT
16 ATTORNEYS' COUNCIL; AND

17 (g) A REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE OFFICE OF STATE PUBLIC
18 DEFENDER CREATED IN SECTION 21-1-101, APPOINTED BY THE OFFICE OF
19 STATE PUBLIC DEFENDER.

20 (4) THE MEMBERS OF THE TASK FORCE SERVE WITHOUT
21 COMPENSATION AND WITHOUT REIMBURSEMENT FOR EXPENSES.

22 (5) THE TASK FORCE SHALL MEET A MAXIMUM OF SIX TIMES
23 BEFORE JANUARY 8, 2024. THE FIRST MEETING MUST OCCUR NO LATER
24 THAN JULY 17, 2023.

25 (6) THE TASK FORCE SHALL REPORT ITS FINDINGS AND
26 RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE JUDICIARY COMMITTEES OF THE HOUSE OF
27 REPRESENTATIVES AND THE SENATE, OR ANY SUCCESSOR COMMITTEES, ON

1 OR BEFORE JANUARY 8, 2024.

2 (7) THIS SECTION IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024.

3 **SECTION 2. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,
4 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate
5 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety.