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## A BILL FOR AN ACT

101	CONCERNING REQUIRING THE JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT TO MAKE
102	<b>RESIDENTIAL EVICTION-RELATED INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO</b>
103	THE <u>PUBLIC, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, MAKING AN</u>
104	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 <u>http://leg.colorado.gov.</u>)

The bill requires the judicial department to collect, compile, and publish online, on a monthly basis, aggregate residential eviction data for all forcible entry and detainer actions filed in each county in the HOUSE 2nd Reading Unamended May 4, 2024



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immediately preceding month. The judicial department shall make individual case level residential eviction data available upon request. The bill requires the judicial department to publish online in a searchable format, and make available free of charge, every final order issued by Colorado district courts regarding residential eviction actions.

The bill requires the complaint for an eviction action to include the street address and the zip code.

1	Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:
2	SECTION 1. In Colorado Revised Statutes, add 13-40-128 as
3	follows:
4	13-40-128. Monthly residential eviction data - report -
5	definitions. (1) As used in this section, unless the context
6	OTHERWISE REQUIRES:
7	(a) "QUALIFIED ENTITY" MEANS:
8	(I) A PRINCIPAL DEPARTMENT OF THE STATE DESCRIBED IN
9	<u>SECTION 24-1-110;</u>
10	(II) AN ORGANIZATION IN GOOD STANDING WITH THE SECRETARY
11	OF STATE THAT IS EXEMPT FROM TAXATION UNDER SECTION $501(c)(3)$ OF
12	THE FEDERAL "INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1986", AS AMENDED, THAT
13	HAS A DEMONSTRATED HISTORY OF CREDIBLE HOUSING-RELATED
14	RESEARCH AND PUBLICATIONS; OR
15	(III) AN INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION THAT HAS A
16	DEMONSTRATED HISTORY OF CREDIBLE HOUSING-RELATED RESEARCH AND
17	PUBLICATIONS.
18	(b) "QUALIFIED REQUEST" MEANS A REQUEST FOR COMPILED DATA
19	FROM RESIDENTIAL FORCIBLE ENTRY AND DETAINER ACTIONS THAT IS
20	FILED IN COMPLIANCE WITH DIRECTIVES AND POLICIES GOVERNING THE
21	JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT'S RESPONSE TO REQUESTS FOR COMPILED AND
22	AGGREGATE DATA.

1	(c) "RESIDENTIAL EVICTION DATA" MEANS, FOR EACH RESIDENTIAL
2	FORCIBLE ENTRY AND DETAINER ACTION FILED PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE
3	40:
4	$(\underline{I})$ The date the complaint was filed;
5	(II) THE RETURN DATE;
6	(III) THE DATE OF THE SCHEDULED HEARING;
7	(IV) Whether the plaintiff was represented by legal
8	COUNSEL;
9	$(\underline{V})$ Whether the tenant was represented by legal
10	COUNSEL;
11	$(\underline{\text{VI}})$ Whether the tenant filed an answer;
12	(VII) ANY OF THE FOLLOWING CASE OUTCOMES:
13	(A) DEFAULT JUDGMENT;
14	(B) JUDGMENT FOR POSSESSION;
15	(C) STIPULATED AGREEMENT;
16	$(\underline{D})$ WRIT OF RESTITUTION; OR
17	(E) DISMISSAL;
18	(VIII) THE ZIP CODE OF THE PROPERTY AT ISSUE;
19	(IX) WHETHER THE ACTION WAS FILED FOR:
20	$(\underline{A})$ Nonpayment of rent or utilities; or
21	$(\underline{B})$ Other lease violations;
22	(X) The total amount of unpaid rent or <u>utilities at the</u>
23	TIME OF FILING, AND ANY LATE FEES THAT THE PLAINTIFF CLAIMS THE
24	TENANT OWES;
25	$(\underline{XI})$ Whether the tenant elected to participate in person
26	OR REMOTELY; AND
27	(XII) Whether the plaintiff elected to participate in

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1 PERSON OR REMOTELY.

(2) (a) BEGINNING JULY 1, 2024, <u>DENVER COUNTY COURT SHALL</u>
<u>ELECTRONICALLY PROVIDE RESIDENTIAL EVICTION DATA FOR ALL ACTIONS</u>
<u>FILED IN DENVER COUNTY TO THE JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT, AND</u> THE
JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT SHALL ELECTRONICALLY COLLECT RESIDENTIAL
EVICTION DATA FOR ALL ACTIONS FILED IN EACH COUNTY, INCLUDING
<u>DATA PROVIDED BY</u> DENVER COUNTY COURT, PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE
40.

9 (b) BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2025, THE JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT 10 SHALL, ON A MONTHLY BASIS, COMPILE AND PUBLISH ONLINE IN A 11 SEARCHABLE FORMAT, AND MAKE AVAILABLE FREE OF CHARGE, 12 AGGREGATE RESIDENTIAL EVICTION DATA FOR ALL ACTIONS FILED IN EACH 13 COUNTY, INCLUDING RESIDENTIAL EVICTION DATA PROVIDED TO THE 14 JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT BY DENVER COUNTY COURT, PURSUANT TO THIS 15 ARTICLE 40 THAT CONCLUDED IN THE IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING MONTH; 16 EXCEPT THAT ON JANUARY 1, 2025, THE JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT SHALL 17 COMPILE AND PUBLISH ONLINE THE AGGREGATE RESIDENTIAL EVICTION 18 DATA FOR JULY 1, 2024, THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2024. THE JUDICIAL 19 DEPARTMENT SHALL POST THE RESIDENTIAL EVICTION DATA IN A 20 CONSPICUOUS PLACE ON THE JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT'S WEBSITE.

(c) (I) AFTER RECEIVING A QUALIFIED REQUEST FROM A QUALIFIED
 ENTITY, THE JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT SHALL MAKE DATA FROM RESIDENTIAL
 FORCIBLE ENTRY AND DETAINER ACTIONS ELECTRONICALLY AVAILABLE
 ON AN INDIVIDUAL CASE LEVEL. A REQUEST FOR INDIVIDUAL CASE LEVEL
 DATA MUST NOT BE USED FOR THE PURPOSE OF IDENTIFYING INDIVIDUAL
 PLAINTIFFS OR TENANTS, FOR ANY ACTION AGAINST INDIVIDUAL
 PLAINTIFFS OR TENANTS, OR TO ADVERTISE OR SELL ANY GOODS OR

1 <u>SERVICES.</u>

2	(II) A QUALIFYING ENTITY SHALL AGREE TO COMPLY WITH DATA
3	CONFIDENTIALITY AND SUPPRESSION REQUIREMENTS AS DETERMINED BY
4	THE JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT. AT A MINIMUM, THE AGREEMENT MUST
5	ENSURE THAT THE REQUESTING QUALIFIED ENTITY SHALL NOT DISCLOSE
6	ANY PERSONALLY IDENTIFIABLE INFORMATION ABOUT THE PLAINTIFF OR
7	TENANT, NOR MAKE THE DATA PUBLICLY ACCESSIBLE IN ANY WAY THAT
8	WOULD ENABLE A THIRD PARTY TO DISCERN THE IDENTITY OF AN
9	INDIVIDUAL PLAINTIFF OR TENANT.

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11 (3) BEGINNING JANUARY 2025 AND EACH JANUARY THEREAFTER 12 UNTIL JANUARY 2035, THE JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT SHALL REPORT TO THE 13 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES JUDICIARY COMMITTEE AND THE SENATE 14 JUDICIARY COMMITTEE, OR THEIR SUCCESSOR COMMITTEES, DURING THE 15 JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT'S "SMART ACT" HEARING PURSUANT TO PART 216 OF ARTICLE 7 OF TITLE 2, ON THE COMPILED RESIDENTIAL EVICTION DATA 17 COLLECTED AND PUBLISHED PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION IN THE 18 AGGREGATE FOR THE PREVIOUS CALENDAR YEAR. AT A MINIMUM, THE 19 REPORT MUST INCLUDE THE NUMBER OF REQUESTS FOR INDIVIDUAL CASE 20 LEVEL RESIDENTIAL EVICTION DATA PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (2)(c) OF 21 THIS SECTION AND THE NAMES OF THE REQUESTING ENTITIES.

SECTION 2. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 13-40-110, amend
(1)(a) introductory portion; and add (1)(f) as follows:

13-40-110. Action - how commenced - report. (1) (a) An action
 under PURSUANT TO this article 40 is commenced by filing with the court
 a complaint in writing <u>describing USING THE STANDARD FORM OF</u>
 EVICTION COMPLAINT AND AFFIDAVIT FOR A RESIDENTIAL TENANCY THAT

<u>IS AVAILABLE ONLINE THROUGH THE JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT'S WEBSITE TO</u>
 <u>DESCRIBE</u> the property with reasonable certainty; THE STREET ADDRESS
 AND THE ZIP CODE, LISTED SEPARATELY; the grounds for the recovery;
 thereof, the name of the person in possession or occupancy; a prayer for
 recovery of possession; and a signed affidavit that states:

6 (f) NOTWITHSTANDING THE REQUIREMENT TO FILE A COMPLAINT 7 USING THE STANDARD FORM OF EVICTION PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (1)(a) 8 OF THIS SECTION, THE COURT SHALL ACCEPT A COMPLAINT FILED ON A 9 DIFFERENT FORM IF THE COMPLAINT MEETS THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS 10 SECTION. 11 **SECTION 3.** Appropriation. (1) For the 2024-25 state fiscal 12 year, \$136,122 is appropriated to the judicial department for use by courts 13 administration. This appropriation is from the general fund. To implement 14 this act, the department may use this appropriation as follows: 15 (a) \$128,922 for general courts administration, which amount is

16 <u>based on an assumption that the department will require an additional 0.9</u>
 17 FTE; and

18 (b) \$7,200 for capital outlay.

19 SECTION <u>4.</u> Safety clause. The general assembly finds, 20 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate 21 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety or for appropriations for 22 the support and maintenance of the departments of the state and state 23 institutions.