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**SENATE BILL 24-129** 

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## **Senate Committees**

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	A BILL FOR AN ACT
101	CONCERNING PROTECTING THE PRIVACY OF PERSONS ASSOCIATED
102	WITH NONPROFIT ENTITIES, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH
103	PROHIBITING PUBLIC AGENCIES FROM TAKING CERTAIN ACTIONS
104	RELATING TO THE COLLECTION AND DISCLOSURE OF DATA THAT
105	MAY IDENTIFY SUCH PERSONS.

#### **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 <a href="http://leg.colorado.gov">http://leg.colorado.gov</a>.)

With certain exceptions, the bill prohibits a public agency from:

• Requiring any person to provide the public agency with

data that may identify a member of a nonprofit entity (member-specific data) or compelling the disclosure of member-specific data;

- Disclosing member-specific data to any person; or
- Requesting or requiring a current or prospective contractor or a current or prospective grantee of a grant program administered by the public agency to provide a list of nonprofit entities to which the current or prospective contractor or grantee has provided financial or nonfinancial support.

A nonprofit entity or any of its members affected adversely by a public agency's violation of the bill's provisions may initiate a civil action against the public agency in district court for injunctive relief, damages, or such other relief as is appropriate. Notwithstanding existing laws concerning governmental immunity, a court may award damages against a public agency that violates the bill's provisions as follows:

- Not less than \$2,500 for each violation; and
- Not less than \$7,500 for each intentional violation.

A court may also award the costs of litigation to a complainant that prevails in such an action.

1 Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado: 2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 7-90-102, **add** (36.5) 3 and (53.5) as follows: 4 **7-90-102. Definitions.** As used in this title 7, except as otherwise 5 defined for the purpose of any section, subpart, part, or article of this title 6 7, or unless the context otherwise requires: 7 (36.5) "Member-specific data" means any document, list, 8 RECORD, OR COMPILATION OF ONE OR MORE CATEGORIES OF "PERSONAL 9 IDENTIFYING INFORMATION", AS DEFINED IN SECTION 18-5-901 (13), THAT 10 IDENTIFIES, IN WHOLE OR IN PART, DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY, A PERSON AS 11 A MEMBER, \_\_\_ VOLUNTEER, OR DONOR TO ANY NONPROFIT ENTITY. "PUBLIC AGENCY" MEANS ANY STATE OR LOCAL 12 13 GOVERNMENTAL UNIT, INCLUDING: 14 (a) THE STATE;

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1	(b) ANY DEPARTMENT, AGENCY, OFFICE, COMMISSION, BOARD,
2	DIVISION, OR OTHER AGENCY OF THE STATE;
3	(c) Any institution, as defined in section 24-72-202 (1.5);
4	AND
5	(d) ANY POLITICAL SUBDIVISION, AS DEFINED IN SECTION
6	24-72-202 (5).
7	SECTION 2. In Colorado Revised Statutes, add 7-90-107 as
8	follows:
9	7-90-107. Protection of member-specific data - nonprofit
10	entities - rights and remedies - legislative declaration. (1) THE
11	GENERAL ASSEMBLY FINDS AND DECLARES THAT:
12	(a) GIVEN THE LONG-HELD PROTECTION OF THE FUNDAMENTAL
13	RIGHTS OF ASSOCIATION AND PRIVACY UNDER THE CONSTITUTIONS OF THE
14	UNITED STATES AND THE STATE OF COLORADO, IT IS IN THE PUBLIC
15	INTEREST TO PROHIBIT PUBLIC AGENCIES FROM COLLECTING OR
16	DISCLOSING MEMBER-SPECIFIC DATA ABOUT MEMBERS OF, VOLUNTEERS
17	OF, AND FINANCIAL AND NONFINANCIAL DONORS TO NONPROFIT ENTITIES
18	THAT ARE EXEMPT FROM TAXATION UNDER THE FEDERAL "INTERNAL
19	REVENUE CODE OF 1986", 26 U.S.C. SEC. 501 (c), AS AMENDED, EXCEPT
20	AS SUCH COLLECTION OR DISCLOSURE IS PERMITTED BY LAW OR RULE OR
21	IS NECESSARY TO ENFORCE OR ENSURE COMPLIANCE WITH THE LAW OR
22	RULES OF THE STATE; AND
23	(b) The provisions of this section concerning a public
24	AGENCY'S ACCESS TO OR USE OF MEMBER-SPECIFIC DATA ARE CONSISTENT
25	WITH:
26	(I) SECTION 7-136-105, WHICH PROHIBITS ANY PERSON FROM
27	OBTAINING OR USING A NONPROFIT CORPORATION'S MEMBERSHIP LIST FOR

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1	ANY PURPOSE UNRELATED TO A MEMBER'S INTEREST AS A MEMBER; AND
2	(II) SECTION 24-73-102, WHICH REQUIRES GOVERNMENTAL
3	ENTITIES TO PROTECT ACCESS TO CERTAIN TYPES OF PERSONAL
4	IDENTIFYING INFORMATION.
5	(2) $\underline{\hspace{1cm}}$ Except as provided in subsection (3) of this section
6	OR <u>AS OTHERWISE PERMITTED BY LAW OR AS IS NECESSARY TO ENFORCE</u>
7	OR ENSURE COMPLIANCE WITH THE STATE CONSTITUTION OR AN
8	APPLICABLE FEDERAL, STATE, OR LOCAL STATUTE, CHARTER PROVISION,
9	RESOLUTION, ORDINANCE, RULE, OR REGULATION, A PUBLIC AGENCY
10	SHALL NOT:
11	(a) REQUIRE ANY PERSON, INCLUDING A NONPROFIT ENTITY OR AN
12	OFFICER, DIRECTOR, EMPLOYEE, OR AGENT OF A NONPROFIT ENTITY, TO
13	PROVIDE THE PUBLIC AGENCY WITH MEMBER-SPECIFIC DATA OR
14	OTHERWISE COMPEL THE DISCLOSURE OF MEMBER-SPECIFIC DATA;
15	(b) Disclose to any person one or more items of
16	MEMBER-SPECIFIC DATA, INCLUDING A COMPLETE OR PARTIAL LIST OF
17	NONPROFIT ENTITY MEMBERS WHO ARE EMPLOYED BY A PUBLIC AGENCY
18	OR ANY INFORMATION INCLUDED IN A NONPROFIT ENTITY MEMBER'S
19	PERSONNEL FILES AS DEFINED IN SECTION 24-72-202 (4.5); OR
20	(c) Request or require a current or prospective
21	CONTRACTOR OR A CURRENT OR PROSPECTIVE GRANTEE OF A GRANT
22	PROGRAM ADMINISTERED BY THE PUBLIC AGENCY TO PROVIDE A LIST OF
23	NONPROFIT ENTITIES TO WHICH THE CURRENT OR PROSPECTIVE
24	CONTRACTOR OR GRANTEE HAS PROVIDED FINANCIAL OR NONFINANCIAL
25	SUPPORT.
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27	(3) This section does not preclude a public agency from

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I	REQUIRING PRODUCTION OF A NONPROFIT ENTITY'S MEMBER-SPECIFIC
2	DATA IF:
3	(a) THE MEMBER-SPECIFIC DATA IS SPECIFICALLY IDENTIFIED IN A
4	LAWFUL SUBPOENA OR WARRANT THAT IS:
5	(I) ISSUED BY A COURT OF COMPETENT JURISDICTION OR IS ISSUED
6	UNDER THE AGENCY'S STATUTORY OR CONSTITUTIONAL AUTHORITY IN AN
7	ADMINISTRATIVE, CIVIL, OR CRIMINAL MATTER OR FOR AN
8	ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDING BEFORE AN ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE,
9	A HEARING OFFICER, OR OTHER DULY AUTHORIZED, QUASI-JUDICIAL
10	OFFICIAL, INCLUDING THE INDEPENDENT ETHICS COMMISSION AS
11	AUTHORIZED BY ARTICLE XXIX OF THE STATE CONSTITUTION; OR
12	(II) SERVED UPON A STATE OR LOCAL AGENCY FOR PURPOSES OF
13	FACILITATING A LAWFUL INVESTIGATION, SUBJECT TO THE CONDITIONS OF
14	A PROTECTIVE ORDER AS DIRECTED BY THE COURT OR AGENCY THAT
15	ISSUED THE SUBPOENA;
16	(b) (I) THE MEMBER-SPECIFIC DATA IS PRODUCED IN DISCOVERY
17	UNDER THE COLORADO RULES OF CIVIL PROCEDURE BEFORE A COURT OF
18	COMPETENT JURISDICTION OR AS AUTHORIZED BY JURISDICTION, AN
19	ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE, A HEARING OFFICER, OR OTHER DULY
20	AUTHORIZED, QUASI-JUDICIAL OFFICIAL, INCLUDING THE INDEPENDENT
21	ETHICS COMMISSION AS AUTHORIZED BY ARTICLE XXIX OF THE STATE
22	CONSTITUTION, SO LONG AS THE PRESIDING OFFICIAL ENTERS A
23	PROTECTIVE ORDER PROHIBITING OR LIMITING THE DISCLOSURE OF THE
24	MEMBER-SPECIFIC DATA TO THE PUBLIC.
25	(II) A PROTECTIVE ORDER MAY BE ISSUED AS DESCRIBED IN THIS
26	SUBSECTION (3)(b) AT THE COURT'S DISCRETION IN DISCOVERY BY STATE
27	OR LOCAL AGENCIES ENGAGED IN SECURITIES AND COMMODITIES

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1	ENFORCEMENT, LICENSING, OR EXAMINATION PROCEDURES.
2	(c) THE MEMBER-SPECIFIC DATA IS ADMITTED INTO EVIDENCE AS
3	RELEVANT TO PROVING OR DISPROVING THE CLAIMS OR DEFENSES AT ISSUE
4	BEFORE A COURT OF COMPETENT JURISDICTION, AN ADMINISTRATIVE LAW
5	JUDGE, A HEARING OFFICER, OR OTHER DULY AUTHORIZED, QUASI-JUDICIAL
6	OFFICIAL, INCLUDING THE INDEPENDENT ETHICS COMMISSION AS
7	AUTHORIZED BY ARTICLE XXIX OF THE STATE CONSTITUTION;
8	(d) THE MEMBER-SPECIFIC DATA IS VOLUNTARILY AND PUBLICLY
9	DISCLOSED BY THE PERSON OR THE NONPROFIT ENTITY TO WHICH IT
10	RELATES;
11	(e) The member-specific data is sought by a nonprofit
12	ENTITY THAT REQUESTS INFORMATION CONCERNING ITS OWN MEMBERS
13	FROM A PUBLIC AGENCY BY WHICH THE MEMBERS ARE EMPLOYED;
14	(f) Information disclosing the identity of any director,
15	OFFICER, REGISTERED AGENT, OR INCORPORATOR OF A NONPROFIT ENTITY
16	IN A REPORT OR DISCLOSURE IS REQUIRED BY STATUTE TO BE FILED WITH
17	THE SECRETARY OF STATE OR, FOR UNINCORPORATED ASSOCIATIONS, AN
18	AGENCY THAT IS DESIGNATED BY LAW; EXCEPT THAT INFORMATION THAT
19	DIRECTLY IDENTIFIES A PERSON SOLELY BECAUSE THE PERSON IS A
20	FINANCIAL DONOR TO A NONPROFIT ENTITY SHALL NOT BE DISCLOSED
21	UNLESS DISCLOSURE IS REQUIRED BY SUBSECTION $(3)(g)$ OF THIS SECTION;
22	(g) THE MEMBER-SPECIFIC DATA IS REQUIRED TO BE MADE PUBLIC
23	BECAUSE DISCLOSURE OF A CONTRIBUTION OR DONATION MADE BY ONE OR
24	MORE MEMBERS OF A NONPROFIT ENTITY IS EXPRESSLY REQUIRED BY
25	FEDERAL, STATE, OR LOCAL CAMPAIGN FINANCE LAWS;
26	(h) The member-specific data is required by statute or
27	REGULATION IN ORDER FOR AN APPLICANT TO QUALIFY FOR OR TO

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1	OPERATE A BUSINESS ACTIVITY IN THE STATE OR IN ORDER FOR LICENSEES
2	OR REGISTRANTS TO COMPLY WITH ONGOING REGULATORY
3	REQUIREMENTS, SO LONG AS THE MEMBER-SPECIFIC DATA IS USED ONLY IN
4	CONNECTION WITH LAWFUL REGULATORY OR ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITY TO
5	WHICH THE REQUEST RELATES AND FOR ANY RELATED PROCEEDINGS;
6	(i) The member-specific data is necessary to determine
7	COMPLIANCE WITH FEDERAL OR STATE ANTITRUST STATUTES;
8	(j) THE MEMBER-SPECIFIC DATA IS SOUGHT BY A PUBLIC AGENCY
9	INVESTIGATING ALLEGED VIOLATIONS OF STATE OR LOCAL CIVIL OR
10	CRIMINAL LAWS AS PERMITTED OR EXPRESSLY REQUIRED BY LAW;
11	(k) The member-specific data is collected and used for the
12	PURPOSE OF EVALUATING THE SUITABILITY OF APPLICANTS FOR, AND ANY
13	POTENTIAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST RESULTING FROM, EMPLOYMENT BY A
14	PUBLIC AGENCY OR APPOINTMENTS TO STATE OR LOCAL BOARDS,
15	COMMISSIONS, ADVISORY COMMITTEES, TASK FORCES, GRANT
16	APPLICATION REVIEW COMMITTEES, OR COMPARABLE ENTITIES, SO LONG
17	AS THE MEMBER-SPECIFIC DATA IS USED ONLY IN CONNECTION WITH THE
18	SPECIFIC APPLICATION FOR AN APPOINTMENT TO WHICH THE REQUEST
19	RELATES AND FOR ANY RELATED PROCEEDINGS;
20	(1) THE MEMBER-SPECIFIC DATA IS COLLECTED AND USED IN ORDER
21	TO DETERMINE WHETHER A PERSON THAT IS APPLYING FOR OR BEING
22	EVALUATED FOR ANY GRANT, BENEFITS, FINANCING, OR PAYMENTS FROM
23	OR THROUGH, OR ANY CONTRACT WITH, A PUBLIC AGENCY SHOULD BE
24	AWARDED THE GRANT, BENEFITS, FINANCING, PAYMENTS, OR CONTRACT
25	AND INCLUDES INFORMATION PERTAINING TO PERSONS RELATED TO OR
26	AFFILIATED WITH THE APPLICANT, AS WELL AS PERSONS CONDUCTING THE
27	EVALUATION, SO LONG AS THE MEMBER-SPECIFIC DATA IS USED ONLY IN

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1	CONNECTION WITH THE SPECIFIC APPLICATION FOR, OR EVALUATION FOR,
2	A GRANT, BENEFITS, FINANCING, OR PAYMENTS TO WHICH THE REQUEST
3	RELATES AND FOR ANY RELATED PROCEEDINGS;
4	(m) THE MEMBER-SPECIFIC DATA IS COLLECTED AND USED BY THE
5	OFFICE OF THE STATE AUDITOR FOR THE PURPOSE OF PERFORMING THE
6	FUNCTIONS OF THAT OFFICE OR IN AN AUDIT, EVALUATION, OR STUDY
7	CONDUCTED BY A PUBLIC AGENCY TO PERFORM ITS FUNCTIONS, SO LONG
8	AS THE MEMBER-SPECIFIC DATA IS USED ONLY FOR OFFICIAL STATE
9	BUSINESS;
10	(n) THE MEMBER-SPECIFIC DATA IS COLLECTED AND USED BY A
11	PUBLIC AGENCY THAT IS FORMED AS A NONPROFIT ENTITY WHERE SUCH
12	MEMBER-SPECIFIC DATA IS USED, EITHER DIRECTLY BY THE PUBLIC
13	AGENCY OR THROUGH ITS AUTHORIZED AGENT, SOLELY TO CONTACT,
14	INFORM, OR SOLICIT ITS DUES-PAYING MEMBERS OR DONORS, OR TO SEEK
15	<u>UPDATES OF THEIR MEMBER-SPECIFIC DATA;</u>
16	(o) THE MEMBER-SPECIFIC DATA IS SOUGHT BY THE DEPARTMENT
17	OF REVENUE TO DETERMINE A TAXPAYER'S COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS
18	RELATING TO THE DEDUCTION OR CREDITS ARISING FROM CONTRIBUTIONS
19	TO A NONPROFIT ENTITY FROM A PERSON'S TAXABLE INCOME;
20	(p) THE MEMBER-SPECIFIC DATA IS PRODUCED FOR THE PURPOSES
21	OF ENFORCEMENT, EXAMINATION, OR OTHER SECURITIES AND
22	COMMODITIES REGULATORY MATTERS, INCLUDING COLLABORATION WITH
23	OTHER SECURITIES AND COMMODITIES ENFORCEMENT AND REGULATORY
24	AGENCIES, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, INTERNATIONAL, FOREIGN,
25	FEDERAL, STATE, AND SELF-REGULATORY AGENCIES, SUCH AS THE
26	FINANCIAL INDUSTRY REGULATORY AUTHORITY;
2.7	(a) THE MEMBER-SPECIFIC DATA CONCERNS A MEMBER WHO HAS

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1	BEEN ISSUED OR IS PRACTICING UNDER ANY CLASS OF LICENSE UNDER
2	<u>SECTION 44-20-108 OR 44-20-408; OR</u>
3	(r) THE MEMBER-SPECIFIC DATA WAS VOLUNTARILY RELEASED TO
4	THE PUBLIC AGENCY BY THE PERSON OR THE NONPROFIT ENTITY TO WHICH
5	THE DATA RELATES.
6	(4) (a) A NONPROFIT ENTITY OR ANY OF ITS MEMBERS AFFECTED
7	ADVERSELY BY A VIOLATION OF THIS SECTION MAY INITIATE A CIVIL
8	ACTION IN DISTRICT COURT FOR INJUNCTIVE RELIEF, DAMAGES, OR SUCH
9	OTHER RELIEF AS IS APPROPRIATE TO ADDRESS THE VIOLATION. SUCH AN
10	ACTION MUST BE INITIATED AGAINST THE PUBLIC AGENCY THAT SOUGHT
11	AND OBTAINED, OR IMPROPERLY DISCLOSED, MEMBER-SPECIFIC DATA OF
12	THE NONPROFIT ENTITY IN VIOLATION OF THIS SECTION.
13	(b) Notwithstanding the limitations of the "Colorado
14	GOVERNMENTAL IMMUNITY ACT", ARTICLE 10 OF TITLE 24, DAMAGES
15	MAY BE AWARDED TO COMPENSATE A PERSON FOR INJURY OR LOSS
16	CAUSED BY A PUBLIC AGENCY WRONGFULLY REQUIRING THE PRODUCTION
17	OF, OR WRONGFULLY DISCLOSING, MEMBER-SPECIFIC DATA AS FOLLOWS:
18	(I) EXCEPT AS DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (4)(b)(II) OF THIS
19	SECTION, NOT LESS THAN TWO THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS FOR
20	EACH <u>RECKLESS</u> VIOLATION OF THIS SECTION; AND
21	(II) NOT LESS THAN SEVEN THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS
22	FOR EACH INTENTIONAL VIOLATION OF THIS SECTION.
23	(c) A COURT MAY AWARD THE COSTS OF LITIGATION, INCLUDING
24	REASONABLE ATTORNEY FEES AND WITNESS FEES, TO A COMPLAINANT
25	THAT PREVAILS IN AN ACTION DESCRIBED IN THIS SUBSECTION (4).
26	SECTION 3. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-72-204, add (10)
27	as follows:

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1	24-72-204. Allowance or denial of inspection - grounds -
2	procedure - appeal - definitions - repeal. (10) The custodian of any
3	PUBLIC RECORDS SHALL NOT REQUIRE A NONPROFIT ENTITY TO PRODUCE
4	MEMBER-SPECIFIC DATA, AS DEFINED IN SECTION 7-90-102 (36.5), THAT IS
5	CONTAINED IN PUBLIC RECORDS WHERE SUCH RECORDS ARE NOT SUBJECT
6	TO INSPECTION AND COPYING PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION. A CUSTODIAN
7	SHALL DENY ANY REQUEST TO INSPECT, COPY, OR REPRODUCE ANY
8	MEMBER-SPECIFIC DATA IN THE POSSESSION OF A PUBLIC AGENCY AND
9	PROVIDED TO THE PUBLIC AGENCY BY A NONPROFIT ENTITY. A CUSTODIAN
10	SHALL NOT REQUIRE A NONPROFIT ENTITY TO PRODUCE RECORDS AND
11	INFORMATION RELATING TO THE IDENTIFICATION OF INDIVIDUAL
12	EMPLOYEES OF NONPROFIT ENTITIES WITH WHOM THE PUBLIC ENTITY
13	CONTRACTS FOR SERVICES OR OF INDIVIDUAL EMPLOYEES OF
14	SUBCONTRACTORS OF SUCH NONPROFIT ENTITIES.
15	SECTION 4. Act subject to petition - effective date -
16	applicability. (1) This act takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following
17	the expiration of the ninety-day period after final adjournment of the
18	general assembly; except that, if a referendum petition is filed pursuant
19	to section 1 (3) of article V of the state constitution against this act or an
20	item, section, or part of this act within such period, then the act, item,
21	section, or part will not take effect unless approved by the people at the
22	general election to be held in November 2024 and, in such case, will take
23	effect on the date of the official declaration of the vote thereon by the
24	governor.
25	(2) This act applies to the collection and disclosure of data
26	concerning members of a nonprofit entity by a public agency on or after
27	the applicable effective date of this act.

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