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A BILL FOR AN ACT CONCERNING NONCOMPLIANCE WITH REQUIREMENTS REGARDING TECHNOLOGY ACCESSIBILITY FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

103 WHEN THE NONCOMPLIANCE IS CAUSED BY A CONTRACTOR.

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.)

Under current law, certain provisions are required in a public school contract (contract), and if the provisions are omitted from a contract, the law deems that the provisions are automatically included in the contract. The bill clarifies that the list includes that a contractor is required to comply with accessibility standards for an individual with a

disability adopted by the office of information technology. The bill adds a provision to the list to require a contractor to indemnify, hold harmless, and assume liability on behalf of a public school contracting entity, the public school, and the public school's employees and agents, for all remedies for noncompliance with standards that ensure technology accessibility to persons with disabilities.

1 Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado: 2 SECTION 1. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-1-135, amend 3 (2)(d) introductory portion and (2)(d)(III); and add (2)(d)(II)(C), 4 (2)(d)(IV), and (2)(e) as follows: 5 22-1-135. Terms and conditions in public school contracts -6 **definitions.** (2) (d) A public school contract must include provisions, and 7 if such provisions are nonetheless inadvertently or otherwise omitted, 8 shall be THE CONTRACT IS deemed to include provisions that: 9 (II) Require the contractor to comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, rules, and regulations in effect when the contract is 10 11 executed or thereafter established, including, without limitation: 12 (C) ACCESSIBILITY STANDARDS FOR AN INDIVIDUAL WITH A 13 DISABILITY ADOPTED BY THE OFFICE OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY 14 PURSUANT TO SECTION 24-85-103. 15 (III) Require the contractor to perform its duties as an independent 16 contractor, to pay when due all applicable employment taxes and income 17 taxes for its employees incurred in the performance of the contract, and 18 to provide and keep in force workers' compensation and unemployment 19 compensation insurance in the amounts required by law; AND 20 (IV) REQUIRE THE CONTRACTOR TO INDEMNIFY, HOLD HARMLESS, 21 AND ASSUME LIABILITY ON BEHALF OF THE PUBLIC SCHOOL CONTRACTING 22 ENTITY, THE PUBLIC SCHOOL, AND THE PUBLIC SCHOOL'S EMPLOYEES AND

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1	AGENTS, FOR ALL COSTS, EXPENSES, CLAIMS, DAMAGES, LIABILITIES,
2	COURT AWARDS, ATTORNEY FEES AND RELATED COSTS, AND ANY OTHER
3	AMOUNTS INCURRED BY A SCHOOL DISTRICT IN RELATION TO A
4	CONTRACTOR'S NONCOMPLIANCE WITH ACCESSIBILITY STANDARDS FOR AN
5	INDIVIDUAL WITH A DISABILITY ADOPTED BY THE OFFICE OF INFORMATION
6	TECHNOLOGY PURSUANT TO SECTION 24-85-103.
7	(e) A PUBLIC SCHOOL CONTRACTING ENTITY MAY REQUIRE THAT

(e) A PUBLIC SCHOOL CONTRACTING ENTITY MAY REQUIRE THAT THE CONTRACTOR'S COMPLIANCE WITH ACCESSIBILITY STANDARDS FOR AN INDIVIDUAL WITH A DISABILITY ADOPTED BY THE OFFICE OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY PURSUANT TO SECTION 24-85-103 IS DETERMINED AND ATTESTED TO BY A QUALIFIED THIRD PARTY SELECTED BY THE PUBLIC SCHOOL CONTRACTING ENTITY.

SECTION 2. Act subject to petition - effective date. This act takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly; except that, if a referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take effect unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in November 2026 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.

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