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INTERIM COMMITTEE BILL

Colorado Youth Advisory Council Committee

BILL TOPIC: "Youth Involvement To Review Educ Standards"

A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH INVOLVEMENT IN THE**
102 **REVIEW OF THE STATE'S EDUCATION STANDARDS.**

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/>.)

Colorado Youth Advisory Council Committee. The bill creates several opportunities for youth to be involved in the review of the state's education standards, to be appointed as follows:

- 2 youth members to any existing or new review committee convened by the department of education;
- 2 youth members to the statutory history, culture, social

*Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material to be added to existing statute.
Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.*

contributions, and civil government in education commission (commission);

- 2 youth members to any regional educator meetings; and
- 2 youth members to any review committees for local education providers.

In each instance, the appointing authority shall select the youth members, and, if applicable, one must be from an urban school and one must be from a rural school from nominations submitted by schools throughout the state.

The youth members will serve as voting members and be reappointed pursuant to the specific review committee's or commission's process. The department of education (department) may compensate youth members 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.

The bill broadens the language concerning recommendations from the review committees and the commission that the state board of education shall take into consideration in its 6-year review, revision, and readoption of the standards.

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.** BY SEPTEMBER 1, 2023, AND BY EACH SEPTEMBER 1
7 THEREAFTER, THE COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION SHALL APPOINT TWO
8 VOTING YOUTH MEMBERS FROM NOMINATIONS SUBMITTED BY SCHOOLS
9 THROUGHOUT THE STATE TO PARTICIPATE IN ANY EXISTING OR NEW
10 COMMITTEE CONVENED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION WITH THE
11 PURPOSE OF REVIEWING THE STATE EDUCATION STANDARDS AND MAKING
12 RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION FOR ITS
13 CONSIDERATION WHEN PERFORMING ITS SIX-YEAR REVIEW OF THE STATE'S
14 EDUCATION STANDARDS PURSUANT TO SECTION 22-7-1005. YOUTH

1 APPOINTMENTS ARE MADE ANNUALLY. IF APPLICABLE, ONE YOUTH
2 MEMBER MUST BE FROM AN URBAN SCHOOL AND ONE YOUTH MEMBER
3 MUST BE FROM A RURAL SCHOOL. THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION SHALL
4 PROMOTE THE OPPORTUNITY FOR YOUTH INVOLVEMENT TO SCHOOLS
5 THROUGHOUT THE STATE AND REQUEST THAT SCHOOLS NOMINATE YOUTH
6 FOR A POSITION ON THE COMMITTEE. YOUTH MEMBERS MAY BE
7 REIMBURSED FOR ACTUAL AND REASONABLE EXPENSES INCURRED IN THE
8 PERFORMANCE OF THEIR DUTIES AND MAY RECEIVE A STIPEND FOR
9 PARTICIPATION IN AN AMOUNT TO BE DETERMINED BY THE DEPARTMENT
10 OF EDUCATION.

11 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-1-104.3, **amend**
12 (2) introductory portion, (2)(b), and (3); and **add** (6) as follows:

13 **22-1-104.3. History, culture, social contributions, and civil**
14 **government in education commission - established - membership -**
15 **duties.** (2) The commission consists of ~~sixteen~~ EIGHTEEN members and,
16 to the extent practicable, must include persons from throughout the state
17 and persons with disabilities and must reflect the ethnic diversity of the
18 state. A majority of the commission members must have either classroom
19 experience or experience in developing education content standards. On
20 or before August 15, 2019, the appointing officials shall appoint
21 membership of the commission as follows:

22 (b) (I) The commissioner of education shall appoint two members
23 from the department of education, who are nonvoting members; and

24 (II) BY SEPTEMBER 1, 2023, AND BY EACH SEPTEMBER 1
25 THEREAFTER, THE COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION SHALL APPOINT TWO
26 VOTING YOUTH MEMBERS FROM NOMINATIONS RECEIVED FROM SCHOOLS.
27 ONE YOUTH MEMBER MUST BE FROM AN URBAN SCHOOL AND ONE YOUTH

1 MEMBER MUST BE FROM A RURAL SCHOOL. THE DEPARTMENT OF
2 EDUCATION SHALL PROMOTE THE OPPORTUNITY FOR YOUTH INVOLVEMENT
3 TO SCHOOLS THROUGHOUT THE STATE AND REQUEST SCHOOLS NOMINATE
4 YOUTH FOR A POSITION ON THE COMMISSION.

5 (3) Commission members serve for terms of four years; except
6 that, of the members first appointed, two members appointed pursuant to
7 each of subsections (2)(a)(I), (2)(a)(II), and (2)(a)(III) of this section and
8 one member appointed pursuant to subsection (2)(a)(IV) of this section,
9 as designated by the governor, serve initial terms of two years, AND
10 YOUTH MEMBERS APPOINTED PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (2)(b)(II) OF THIS
11 SECTION SERVE A TWO-YEAR TERM, WITH REAPPOINTMENT MADE BY THE
12 APPOINTING AUTHORITY AS NECESSARY. The appointing officials shall fill
13 any vacancies on the commission for the remainder of any unexpired
14 term.

15 (6) THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION SHALL TAKE INTO
16 CONSIDERATION ANY RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE COMMISSION WHEN
17 PERFORMING ITS SIX-YEAR REVIEW OF THE STATE'S EDUCATION
18 STANDARDS PURSUANT TO SECTION 22-7-1005 (6).

19 **SECTION 3.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-7-1005, **amend**
20 (6)(a) as follows:

21 **22-7-1005. Preschool through elementary and secondary**
22 **education - aligned standards - adoption - revisions.** (6) (a) Pursuant
23 to subsection (6)(b) of this section, the state board shall review and adopt
24 any appropriate revisions to the preschool through elementary and
25 secondary education standards specified in this section. In adopting
26 revisions, the state board may add or delete one or more of the specific
27 instructional areas based on the needs of the state and changes in national

1 and international academic expectations. In adopting revisions to the
2 standards pursuant to this subsection (6), the state board shall ensure that
3 the standards continue to meet the requirements specified in subsection
4 (3) of this section. In adopting revisions to the standards, ~~related to~~
5 ~~history and civics~~, the state board shall take into consideration any
6 recommendations provided by the history, culture, social contributions,
7 and civil government in education commission established in section
8 22-1-104.3.

9 **SECTION 4.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-7-1011, **amend**
10 (2) introductory portion, (2)(c), and (2)(d); and **add** (2)(e) as follows:

11 **22-7-1011. Regional educator meetings - purpose -**
12 **recommendations.** (2) At a minimum, THE COMMISSIONER AND THE
13 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SHALL INVITE the following persons ~~shall be invited~~
14 to attend the regional educator meetings in each regional service area:

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

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

21 (e) TWO YOUTH MEMBERS OUT OF NOMINATIONS RECEIVED FROM
22 SCHOOLS BY SEPTEMBER 1, 2023, AND BY EVERY SEPTEMBER 1
23 THEREAFTER. IF APPLICABLE, ONE YOUTH MEMBER MUST BE FROM AN
24 URBAN SCHOOL AND ONE YOUTH MEMBER MUST BE FROM A RURAL
25 SCHOOL. THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION SHALL PROMOTE THE
26 OPPORTUNITY FOR YOUTH INVOLVEMENT TO SCHOOLS THROUGHOUT THE
27 STATE AND REQUEST SCHOOLS NOMINATE YOUTH TO ATTEND REGIONAL

1 EDUCATOR MEETINGS. YOUTH MEMBERS SERVE WITHOUT COMPENSATION
2 BUT MAY BE REIMBURSED FOR ACTUAL AND REASONABLE EXPENSES
3 INCURRED IN THE PERFORMANCE OF THEIR DUTIES.

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

6 **22-7-1013. Local education provider - preschool through**
7 **elementary and secondary education standards - adoption - academic**
8 **acceleration.** (5) (a) On or before July 1, 2017, and on or before July 1
9 every six years thereafter, each local education provider shall review its
10 preschool through elementary and secondary education standards and,
11 taking into account any revisions to the state preschool through
12 elementary and secondary education standards, shall revise and readopt
13 its standards, if necessary, to ensure that ~~they~~ THE LOCAL EDUCATION
14 PROVIDER'S STANDARDS continue to meet or exceed the state preschool
15 through elementary and secondary education standards. The local
16 education provider shall revise its curricula accordingly to ensure that the
17 curricula continue to align with the local education provider's preschool
18 through elementary and secondary education standards.

19 (b) AS PART OF EACH LOCAL EDUCATION PROVIDER'S REVIEW,
20 REGARDLESS OF TIME FRAME, EACH LOCAL EDUCATION PROVIDER SHALL
21 SELECT TWO YOUTH TO PARTICIPATE IN THE REVIEW OUT OF NOMINATIONS
22 RECEIVED FROM SCHOOLS IN THE LOCAL EDUCATION PROVIDER'S RANGE.
23 IF APPLICABLE, ONE YOUTH MEMBER MUST BE FROM AN URBAN SCHOOL
24 AND ONE YOUTH MEMBER MUST BE FROM A RURAL SCHOOL. THE
25 DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION SHALL PROMOTE THE OPPORTUNITY FOR
26 YOUTH INVOLVEMENT TO SCHOOLS WITHIN THE LOCAL EDUCATION
27 PROVIDER'S RANGE AND REQUEST SCHOOLS WITHIN THE LOCAL EDUCATION

1 PROVIDER'S RANGE NOMINATE YOUTH TO PARTICIPATE IN THE REVIEW AND
2 THE READOPTION OF LOCAL EDUCATION STANDARDS. YOUTH MEMBERS
3 SERVE WITHOUT COMPENSATION BUT MAY BE REIMBURSED FOR ACTUAL
4 AND REASONABLE EXPENSES INCURRED IN THE PERFORMANCE OF THEIR
5 DUTIES.

6 **SECTION 6. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act
7 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the
8 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly; except
9 that, if a referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V
10 of the state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this
11 act within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take
12 effect unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in
13 November 2024 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the
14 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.