

CHAPTER 45

EDUCATION - PUBLIC SCHOOLS

HOUSE BILL 99-1041

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also SENATOR Dennis.

AN ACT

CONCERNING AUTHORIZATION FOR MEETINGS OF BOARDS OF COOPERATIVE SERVICES TO BE CONDUCTED USING VIDEO TELECONFERENCING TECHNOLOGY.

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

SECTION 1. 22-5-104, Colorado Revised Statutes, is amended BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SUBSECTION to read:

22-5-104. Creation of board of cooperative services - meetings. (5) A BOARD OF COOPERATIVE SERVICES MAY ADOPT A POLICY AUTHORIZING THE BOARD TO CONDUCT ITS MEETINGS USING VIDEO TELECONFERENCING TECHNOLOGY THAT WILL ALLOW MEMBERS OF THE BOARD TO VIEW EACH OTHER DURING THE MEETING AND FULLY PARTICIPATE IN THE DISCUSSION AND IN VOTING; EXCEPT THAT THE BOARD MEMBERS SHALL GATHER IN ONE PHYSICAL LOCATION FOR AT LEAST ONE OF THE QUARTERLY MEETINGS HELD EACH YEAR. THE POLICY SHALL ADDRESS THE METHOD BY WHICH MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC SHALL BE ALLOWED ACCESS TO ANY VIDEO TELECONFERENCE OF THE BOARD OF COOPERATIVE SERVICES THAT IS CONDUCTED PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTION (5). IN ADDITION, THE POLICY SHALL SPECIFY ANY AGENDA ITEMS THAT THE BOARD OF COOPERATIVE SERVICES MAY NOT CONSIDER DURING ANY VIDEO TELECONFERENCE CONDUCTED PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTION (5). A BOARD OF COOPERATIVE SERVICES SHALL NOT GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION DURING ANY VIDEO TELECONFERENCE CONDUCTED PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTION (5). A QUORUM SHALL BE DEEMED TO EXIST AT ANY VIDEO TELECONFERENCE HELD PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTION (5) IF THE NUMBER OF MEMBERS PARTICIPATING IN THE VIDEO TELECONFERENCE MEETING EQUALS THE NUMBER NECESSARY FOR A QUORUM PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (4) OF THIS SECTION.

SECTION 2. 22-5-105, Colorado Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

Capital letters indicate new material added to existing statutes; dashes through words indicate deletions from existing statutes and such material not part of act.

22-5-105. Organization of board of cooperative services - meetings. At its first meeting, the members of the board of cooperative services elected as set forth in section 22-5-104 shall proceed to elect from their membership a president, a vice-president, a secretary, and a treasurer, whose terms of office shall be for two years, unless their terms of office as board members expire earlier, in which case the officership shall similarly expire. The duties of the president, vice-president, secretary, and treasurer of the board of cooperative services shall be the same as set forth for similar offices of boards of education in sections 22-32-105 to 22-32-107. Similarly, meetings of the board of cooperative services shall be called, held, and conducted as set forth in section 22-32-108; EXCEPT THAT, PURSUANT TO SECTION 22-5-104 (5), A BOARD OF COOPERATIVE SERVICES MAY CONDUCT MEETINGS USING VIDEO TELECONFERENCING TECHNOLOGY.

SECTION 3. No appropriation. The general assembly has determined that this act can be implemented within existing appropriations, and therefore no separate appropriation of state moneys is necessary to carry out the purposes of this act.

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

Approved: March 24, 1999