

CHAPTER 40

EDUCATION - PUBLIC SCHOOLS

HOUSE BILL 01-1041

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AN ACT

CONCERNING THE DUTIES OF THE COLORADO DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN PROVIDING OVERSIGHT
OF THE COLORADO PRESCHOOL PROGRAM.

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

SECTION 1. 22-28-107, Colorado Revised Statutes, is amended BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SUBSECTION to read:

22-28-107. Eligibility of school districts for participation in state preschool program. (4) (a) UPON THE REQUEST OF A SCHOOL DISTRICT, THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, AS DEFINED IN SECTION 22-28-103 (3), SHALL PROVIDE, SUBJECT TO AVAILABLE RESOURCES, SUCH TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AS MAY BE NECESSARY FOR THE SCHOOL DISTRICT TO SUBMIT A PROPOSAL FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF ITS PRESCHOOL PROGRAM AND FOR ONGOING TRAINING OF PERSONNEL FOR THE SUCCESSFUL IMPLEMENTATION OF SUCH PROGRAM.

(b) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ANNUALLY SELECT A REASONABLE NUMBER OF SCHOOL DISTRICTS THAT HAVE IMPLEMENTED PRESCHOOL PROGRAMS PURSUANT TO THIS PART 1 AND SHALL CONDUCT ON-SITE VISITS TO DETERMINE WHETHER:

(I) THE SCHOOL DISTRICT'S SCREENING PROCESS AND THE ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR CHILDREN PARTICIPATING IN A PRESCHOOL PROGRAM COMPLY WITH ALL APPLICABLE STATE LAW;

(II) THE DISTRICT PRESCHOOL PROGRAM COUNCIL ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO SECTION 22-28-105 COMPLIES WITH ALL APPLICABLE STATE LAW; AND

(III) THE SCHOOL DISTRICT'S QUALITY ASSURANCE ACTIVITIES, EVALUATION EFFORTS, AND FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES REGARDING THE PRESCHOOL PROGRAM COMPLY

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

WITH ALL APPLICABLE STATE LAW.

SECTION 2. 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.

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