

CHAPTER 242

EDUCATION - PUBLIC SCHOOLS

HOUSE BILL 05-1088

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AN ACT

CONCERNING THE EDUCATION OF CHILDREN WHOSE PARENTS ARE INCARCERATED.

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

SECTION 1. Part 1 of article 1 of title 17, Colorado Revised Statutes, is amended BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION to read:

17-1-119.5. Compilation of data related to inmates with children attending school. (1) THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS SHALL OBTAIN INFORMATION FROM EACH INMATE CONCERNING WHETHER THE INMATE IS THE PARENT OF A CHILD WHO IS UNDER THE AGE OF EIGHTEEN IN THE STATE OF COLORADO AND, IF SO, WHETHER THE CHILD IS ENROLLED IN A SCHOOL IN THE STATE AND THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OR STATE CHARTER SCHOOL IN WHICH THE CHILD IS ENROLLED. IN THE PROCESS OF OBTAINING THE INFORMATION FROM THE INMATE, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL NOT PROVIDE THE INMATE WITH INFORMATION THAT WOULD POSE A SAFETY THREAT TO THE CHILD OR CHILD'S FAMILY.

(2) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL COLLECT AND COMPILE INFORMATION RELATED TO PROGRAMS THAT ASSIST STUDENTS WHOSE PARENTS ARE INCARCERATED.

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.

Approved: June 2, 2005

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