

CHAPTER 253

EDUCATION - PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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AN ACT**CONCERNING SCHOOL DISTRICT DATA REPORTING.**

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

SECTION 1. 22-2-116, Colorado Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

22-2-116. Additional power - waiver of reporting requirements - review of reporting requirements. (1) The commissioner may waive any requirements imposed by this title as to the reporting of data to the department or the state board by any school district which is eligible to receive the minimum amount of state moneys under the provisions of article 54 of this title, if the commissioner finds that any benefits from receiving such reports are outweighed by the district's increased administrative costs of reporting in light of its minimum share of state moneys.

(2) (a) THE STATE BOARD SHALL DESIGNATE AT LEAST FIVE VOLUNTEER SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND TWO VOLUNTEER BOARDS OF COOPERATIVE SERVICES AND A VOLUNTEER CHARTER SCHOOL, THAT ARE REPRESENTATIVE AS TO PUPIL SIZE AND POPULATION, TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO FORM A VOLUNTARY COMMITTEE, TO BE KNOWN AS THE EDUCATIONAL DATA ADVISORY COMMITTEE, REFERRED TO IN THIS SUBSECTION (2) AS THE "COMMITTEE". THE COMMITTEE SHALL WORK WITH THE DEPARTMENT TO REVIEW SCHOOL DISTRICT DATA REPORTING REQUIREMENTS.

(b) THE COMMITTEE, ON ITS OWN INITIATIVE OR AT THE REQUEST OF A SCHOOL DISTRICT, A BOARD OF COOPERATIVE SERVICES, OR THE STATE CHARTER SCHOOL INSTITUTE, SHALL REVIEW THE STATUTORY AND REGULATORY DATA REPORTING REQUIREMENTS APPLICABLE TO SCHOOL DISTRICTS, BOARDS OF COOPERATIVE SERVICES, AND THE STATE CHARTER SCHOOL INSTITUTE TO DETERMINE WHETHER THE BENEFITS DERIVED FROM THE REPORTS ARE OUTWEIGHED BY THE INCREASED

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

ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS INCURRED BY THE DISTRICTS, THE BOARDS OF COOPERATIVE SERVICES, AND THE STATE CHARTER SCHOOL INSTITUTE IN PREPARING AND SUBMITTING THE REPORTS. TO REQUEST THE REVIEW OF A DATA REPORTING REQUIREMENT, A SCHOOL DISTRICT, A BOARD OF COOPERATIVE SERVICES, OR THE STATE CHARTER SCHOOL INSTITUTE SHALL SUBMIT THE REQUEST TO THE COMMITTEE. THE REQUEST SHALL BE IN WRITING AND SIGNED BY THE SCHOOL DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT, THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD OF COOPERATIVE SERVICES, OR THE CHAIRMAN OF THE STATE CHARTER SCHOOL INSTITUTE BOARD AND SHALL SPECIFICALLY IDENTIFY THE DATA REPORTING REQUIREMENT TO BE REVIEWED. THE COMMITTEE MAY RETURN THE REQUEST TO THE SCHOOL DISTRICT, THE BOARD OF COOPERATIVE SERVICES, OR THE STATE CHARTER SCHOOL INSTITUTE IF THE REQUEST IS NOT SUFFICIENTLY SPECIFIC.

(c) THE COMMITTEE MAY MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE STATE BOARD FOR THE REPEAL OR AMENDMENT OF STATUTORY AND REGULATORY DATA REPORTING REQUIREMENTS. THE STATE BOARD SHALL FORWARD TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ALL RECOMMENDATIONS MADE BY THE COMMITTEE FOR THE REPEAL OR AMENDMENT OF STATUTORY DATA REPORTING REQUIREMENTS.

(d) THE COMMITTEE SHALL REVIEW EACH DATA REPORTING REQUEST THAT IS NOT REQUIRED BY STATUTE OR BY RULE AND NOTIFY SCHOOL DISTRICTS, BOARDS OF COOPERATIVE SERVICES, AND THE STATE CHARTER SCHOOL INSTITUTE WHETHER COMPLIANCE WITH THE REQUEST IS MANDATORY OR VOLUNTARY.

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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