

## CHAPTER 268

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**EDUCATION - PUBLIC SCHOOLS**


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**HOUSE BILL 07-1270**

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also SENATOR(S) Shaffer, Penry, Tupa, Williams, and Windels.

**AN ACT**

**CONCERNING A COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW OF THE STATE'S EDUCATIONAL DATA INFRASTRUCTURE, AND MAKING AN APPROPRIATION THEREFOR.**

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

**SECTION 1. Legislative declaration.** The general assembly and the state board of education recognize that data-based decision making, as well as efficiency in the collection and reporting of education data, is of the utmost importance to the state department of education as well as Colorado's one hundred seventy-eight school districts. The general assembly and the state board of education also recognize the need for a comprehensive review and study of Colorado's educational data systems within the state department and the school districts. This comprehensive review and study can best be accomplished by a third-party reviewer. The general assembly further finds that the comprehensive review and study of Colorado's educational data systems should include information on the requirements and ease with which existing data is collected, the hardware and software being used at the local and state levels, and the capability of school districts to share data with each other and to better access appropriate state-level data.

**SECTION 2.** Article 2 of title 22, Colorado Revised Statutes, is amended BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION to read:

**22-2-131. Data technology system - comprehensive review - requirements - report - repeal.** (1) AS USED IN THIS SECTION, UNLESS THE CONTEXT OTHERWISE REQUIRES, "CURRENT DATA TECHNOLOGY SYSTEM" MEANS THE DATA TECHNOLOGY SYSTEM OR SYSTEMS IN USE BY THE DEPARTMENT AS OF THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS SECTION.

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

(2) WITHIN SIXTY DAYS AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS SECTION, THE OFFICE OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY, CREATED IN THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR PURSUANT TO SECTION 24-37.5-103, C.R.S., SHALL ISSUE A REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR A COMPREHENSIVE ASSESSMENT OF THE DEPARTMENT'S CURRENT DATA TECHNOLOGY SYSTEM. THE ASSESSMENT SHALL BE PERFORMED SUBJECT TO AVAILABLE APPROPRIATIONS AND SHALL PROVIDE A BASELINE INDICATING THE CURRENT DATA TECHNOLOGY SYSTEM'S CAPABILITIES AND SHALL CLEARLY IDENTIFY THE SPECIFIC AREAS IN NEED OF IMPROVEMENT. AT A MINIMUM, THE ASSESSMENT SHALL INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:

(a) A SURVEY OF A SAMPLING OF SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND PUBLIC SCHOOLS, INCLUDING URBAN AND RURAL SCHOOL DISTRICTS; SMALL, MEDIUM, AND LARGE SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND PUBLIC SCHOOLS; VENDORS OF DISTRICT INFORMATION MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS; AND OTHERS WHO USE THE CURRENT DATA TECHNOLOGY SYSTEM;

(b) A DETERMINATION OF THE STATUS OF THE INTEROPERABILITY FRAMEWORK OF DATABASES FOR APPLICABILITY TO A STATEWIDE AUTOMATED TRANSACTIONAL DATA EXCHANGE SYSTEM; AND

(c) ASSESSMENT OF THE DATA CAPACITIES, REPORTING ACCESS, AND DATA EXCHANGE SYSTEMS WITHIN THE CURRENT DATA TECHNOLOGY SYSTEM.

(3) THE REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS SHALL REQUIRE THE CONTRACTOR THAT THE OFFICE OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY, CREATED IN THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR PURSUANT TO SECTION 24-37.5-103, C.R.S., SELECTS TO PERFORM THE ASSESSMENT TO INCLUDE A REVIEW THAT EXAMINES AND ADDRESSES THE FOLLOWING ISSUES AND AREAS AS THEY APPLY TO THE CURRENT DATA TECHNOLOGY SYSTEM:

(a) THE SERVICES, APPLICATIONS, ARCHITECTURE, AND RESOURCES; AND

(b) A CUSTOMER SERVICE SURVEY OF A SAMPLING OF SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND PUBLIC SCHOOLS, INCLUDING URBAN AND RURAL DISTRICTS, AND SMALL, MEDIUM, AND LARGE SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND PUBLIC SCHOOLS. THE SURVEY SHALL ADDRESS DATA SUPPORT, COMPATIBILITY, AND CONCERNS FROM SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND PUBLIC SCHOOLS ABOUT THE CURRENT DATA TECHNOLOGY SYSTEM AND PRACTICES.

(4) THE FINAL ASSESSMENT REPORT FROM THE CONTRACTOR SHALL IDENTIFY:

(a) ANY DUPLICATION OF EFFORT, SERVICES, OR RESOURCES;

(b) INEFFICIENCIES AND COSTLY REDUNDANCIES WITHIN THE CURRENT DATA TECHNOLOGY SYSTEM; AND

(c) THE ELIMINATION OF INCOMPATIBLE STANDARDS AND ARCHITECTURES.

(5) ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 1, 2007, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL REPORT THE FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE ASSESSMENT COMPLETED PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION TO THE STATE BOARD; THE EDUCATION COMMITTEES OF THE SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, OR ANY SUCCESSOR COMMITTEES; THE GOVERNOR; SCHOOL DISTRICTS; THE EDUCATIONAL DATA ADVISORY COMMITTEE

CREATED IN SECTION 22-2-116; AND THE STATE CHARTER SCHOOL INSTITUTE. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ALSO MAKE THE REPORT AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL INCLUDE WITH THE FINDINGS RESPONSES TO THE ISSUES IDENTIFIED IN THE ASSESSMENT AND POTENTIAL SOLUTIONS OR RECOMMENDATIONS CONCERNING THE FINDINGS.

(6) THIS SECTION IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2008.

**SECTION 3.** 22-54-114, Colorado Revised Statutes, is amended BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SUBSECTION to read:

**22-54-114. State public school fund.** (6) (a) FOR THE 2007-08 BUDGET YEAR, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY MAY APPROPRIATE MONEYS FROM THE STATE PUBLIC SCHOOL FUND TO THE OFFICE OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY CREATED IN THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR PURSUANT TO SECTION 24-37.5-103, C.R.S., FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF SECTION 22-2-131.

(b) THIS SUBSECTION (6) IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2008.

**SECTION 4. Appropriation.** In addition to any other appropriation, there is hereby appropriated, out of any moneys in the state public school fund created in section 22-54-114, Colorado Revised Statutes, not otherwise appropriated, to the office of the governor, for allocation to the office of information technology, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2007, the sum of one hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000), or so much thereof as may be necessary, for the implementation of this act. Said amount shall be from moneys recovered from overpayments to school districts or the state charter school institute pursuant to section 22-54-114 (4), Colorado Revised Statutes.

**SECTION 5. Effective date.** This act shall take effect July 1, 2007.

**SECTION 6. 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: May 23, 2007