

CHAPTER 269

EDUCATION - PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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AN ACT

CONCERNING EDUCATION DATA MANAGEMENT, AND MAKING AN APPROPRIATION IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.

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

SECTION 1. Article 2 of title 22, Colorado Revised Statutes, is amended BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW PART to read:

**PART 3
DATA REPORTING AND TECHNOLOGY**

22-2-301. Short title. THIS PART 3 SHALL BE KNOWN AND MAY BE CITED AS THE "DATA REPORTING AND TECHNOLOGY ACT".

22-2-302. Legislative declaration. (1) THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY HEREBY FINDS THAT:

(a) PURSUANT TO STATE STATUTE AND RULES OF THE STATE BOARD, SCHOOL DISTRICTS ARE REQUIRED TO SUBMIT EXTENSIVE AND DUPLICATIVE DATA AT DIFFERENT TIMES THROUGHOUT THE YEAR OR TO DIFFERENT DIVISIONS WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION;

(b) REPORTING REQUIREMENTS ARE FREQUENTLY PLACED IN STATUTE OR RULE AND ARE NOT REVISITED AFTER THEIR INITIAL ADOPTION. OFTEN, THESE REQUIREMENTS CEASE OVER TIME TO HAVE A RELEVANT USE OR PURPOSE BUT ARE STILL REQUIRED TO BE REPORTED TO THE DEPARTMENT.

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

(c) SCHOOL DISTRICTS RECOGNIZE THE VALUE OF COLLECTING AND SUBMITTING DATA THAT WILL BE USED TO TRACK STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT, TO QUALIFY FOR STATE FUNDS, OR TO SUPPORT ACCOUNTABILITY FOR STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT OR COMPLIANCE MEASURES, BUT OFTEN FIND THAT THE STAFF TIME REQUIRED TO PREPARE REPORTS AND SUBMIT REQUIRED DATA UNDER FEDERAL AND STATE STATUTES AND RULES TAKES HUMAN AND CAPITAL RESOURCES THAT COULD BE BETTER SPENT ON PROVIDING STUDENT INSTRUCTION;

(d) THE DEPARTMENT WORKS TO MAKE DATA REPORTING PRODUCTIVE AND MEANINGFUL, BUT FACES ITS OWN INTERNAL CHALLENGES IN TERMS OF FUNDING, ADEQUATE STAFFING LEVELS, AND THE ABILITY TO OVERHAUL ANTIQUATED DATA TECHNOLOGY SYSTEMS;

(e) THE ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION SYSTEM IN COLORADO SPENDS CONSIDERABLE AMOUNTS OF MONEY MAINTAINING MULTIPLE, OFTEN OUT-OF-DATE, COMPUTER SYSTEMS FOR DATA COLLECTION AND TRANSMISSION. DUE TO THE LACK OF A SINGLE STATEWIDE DATA SYSTEM, DATA OFTEN CANNOT BE ACCESSED, EVEN WHEN ACTING IN COMPLIANCE WITH FEDERAL PRIVACY RESTRAINTS, BY OTHERS WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT, SCHOOL DISTRICTS SEEKING COMPARISONS WITH OTHER DISTRICTS FOR BEST PRACTICES, OR RESEARCHERS AND FOUNDATIONS SEEKING TO CONDUCT RESEARCH ON THE COLORADO PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM AND ITS STUDENTS.

(2) IT IS THEREFORE THE INTENT OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN ENACTING THIS PART 3 TO ACHIEVE THE FOLLOWING PURPOSES:

(a) TO IMPROVE THE COLLECTION OF DATA BY STREAMLINING THE SUBMISSION AND REPORTING OF DATA;

(b) TO CREATE SHARED GOALS AND SHARED EXPECTATIONS FOR DATA COLLECTION AND TECHNOLOGY FOR ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION IN COLORADO;

(c) TO REQUIRE SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND PUBLIC SCHOOLS TO SUBMIT DATA THAT IS RELEVANT TO STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AND WILL ENHANCE AND IMPROVE THE MANNER IN WHICH SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND PUBLIC SCHOOLS PROVIDE AND EVALUATE STUDENT INSTRUCTION;

(d) TO EXPLORE THE POSSIBILITY OF IMPLEMENTING A SINGLE STATEWIDE EDUCATION DATA COLLECTION SYSTEM WITH THE PURPOSE OF REDUCING THE MANPOWER AND COST OF SUBMITTING REQUIRED DATA TO THE DEPARTMENT; AND

(e) TO DEPLOY THE SINGLE STATEWIDE EDUCATION DATA COLLECTION SYSTEM AS A SYSTEM OF DATA EXCHANGE THAT IS BASED ON AUTOMATIC FILE EXCHANGES RATHER THAN MANUAL PROCESSES REQUIRING PERSONNEL TO UPLOAD ELECTRONIC FILES VIA MESSAGING, WEB UPLOADS, OR OTHER FILE TRANSFER METHODS REQUIRING HUMAN INTERVENTION.

22-2-303. Definitions. AS USED IN THIS PART 3, UNLESS THE CONTEXT OTHERWISE REQUIRES:

(1) "COMMISSIONER" MEANS THE COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION APPOINTED PURSUANT TO SECTION 1 OF ARTICLE IX OF THE STATE CONSTITUTION.

(2) "CURRENT DATA TECHNOLOGY SYSTEM" MEANS THE DATA TECHNOLOGY SYSTEM OR SYSTEMS IN USE BY THE DEPARTMENT AS OF THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS PART 3.

(3) "DATA DICTIONARY" MEANS AN ESSENTIAL COMPONENT OF DATA MANAGEMENT ADOPTED BY THE DEPARTMENT PURSUANT TO SECTION 22-2-305 THAT DEFINES ALL OF THE DATA ELEMENTS THE DEPARTMENT COLLECTS FROM SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND DESCRIBES THE METHODS BY WHICH THE DEPARTMENT COLLECTS THE DATA THROUGH THE SINGLE STATEWIDE DATA COLLECTION SYSTEM.

(4) "DEPARTMENT" MEANS THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION CREATED AND EXISTING PURSUANT TO SECTION 24-1-115, C.R.S.

(5) "EDAC" MEANS THE EDUCATION DATA ADVISORY COMMITTEE CREATED PURSUANT TO SECTION 22-2-304.

(6) "PUBLIC SCHOOL" MEANS A CHARTER SCHOOL AUTHORIZED BY A SCHOOL DISTRICT PURSUANT TO PART 1 OF ARTICLE 30.5 OF THIS TITLE OR AN INSTITUTE CHARTER SCHOOL AUTHORIZED BY THE STATE CHARTER SCHOOL INSTITUTE PURSUANT TO PART 5 OF ARTICLE 30.5 OF THIS TITLE.

(7) "STATE BOARD" MEANS THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION CREATED AND EXISTING PURSUANT TO SECTION 1 OF ARTICLE IX OF THE STATE CONSTITUTION.

22-2-304. Education data advisory committee - creation - duties - repeal.

(1) 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 OF THE STATE AS TO PUPIL SIZE AND POPULATION, TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO FORM A VOLUNTARY COMMITTEE, TO BE KNOWN AS THE EDUCATION DATA ADVISORY COMMITTEE. THE EDAC SHALL WORK WITH THE DEPARTMENT TO REVIEW SCHOOL DISTRICT DATA REPORTING REQUIREMENTS AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS AS PROVIDED IN THIS SECTION.

(2) THE EDAC SHALL:

(a) REVIEW THE STATUTORY AND REGULATORY DATA REPORTING REQUIREMENTS APPLICABLE TO SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND DETERMINE WHETHER THE BENEFITS DERIVED FROM THE REPORTS ARE OUTWEIGHED BY THE INCREASED ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS INCURRED BY THE SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND PUBLIC SCHOOLS IN PREPARING AND SUBMITTING THE REPORTS;

(b) IDENTIFY THOSE STATUTORY AND REGULATORY DATA REPORTING REQUIREMENTS THAT ARE DUPLICATIVE OR OBSOLETE AND MAY BE COMBINED, ELIMINATED, OR OTHERWISE STREAMLINED;

(c) REVIEW EACH DATA REPORTING REQUEST MADE TO SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND

PUBLIC SCHOOLS THAT IS NOT REQUIRED BY STATUTE OR BY RULE AND NOTIFY SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND PUBLIC SCHOOLS AS TO WHETHER COMPLIANCE WITH THE REQUEST IS MANDATORY OR VOLUNTARY;

(d) REVIEW ALL PROPOSED DATA REPORTING REQUIREMENTS, WHETHER PROPOSED IN STATE OR FEDERAL LEGISLATION OR IN RULES, AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE DEPARTMENT CONCERNING WHETHER THE REQUIREMENTS ARE NECESSARY AND APPROPRIATE; AND

(e) ADVISE THE DEPARTMENT ON THE IMPACT OF DATA PRACTICES AND TECHNOLOGY ON SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

(3) THE EDAC SHALL ANNUALLY, OR MORE OFTEN IF NECESSARY, MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE STATE BOARD AND THE EDUCATION COMMITTEES OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, OR ANY SUCCESSOR COMMITTEES, FOR THE REPEAL OR AMENDMENT OF STATUTORY AND REGULATORY DATA REPORTING REQUIREMENTS THAT THE EDAC HAS IDENTIFIED AS DUPLICATIVE, OBSOLETE, OR INEFFICIENT.

(4) THE EDAC SHALL IDENTIFY THOSE REPORTING REQUIREMENTS THAT MAY BE CONSOLIDATED INTO A SINGLE REPORT OR A SINGLE SUBMISSION FOR PURPOSES OF STREAMLINING DATA SUBMISSION FOR SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

(5) (a) THIS SECTION IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017.

(b) PRIOR TO SUCH REPEAL, THE EDAC SHALL BE REVIEWED AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 2-3-1203, C.R.S.

22-2-305. Data dictionary - legislative declaration - creation - contents - report. (1) (a) THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FINDS THAT THERE IS A NEED FOR CONSISTENCY IN ELECTRONIC DATA SUBMISSION PROTOCOLS AND REQUIREMENTS TO ALLOW SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND PUBLIC SCHOOLS TO SUBMIT DATA FOR MULTIPLE REPORTS IN ONE TRANSACTION. UNDER THE EXISTING DATA SUBMISSION SYSTEM, SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND PUBLIC SCHOOLS ARE OFTEN FORCED TO REPORT DATA THAT IS KNOWN TO BE INCORRECT BECAUSE OF AN EXISTING INABILITY TO CORRECT OR RESUBMIT DATA THROUGH THE CURRENT DATA TECHNOLOGY SYSTEM. THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FINDS THAT THE PRIORITY IN DATA COLLECTION AND SUBMISSION MUST BE THE EFFICIENT COLLECTION AND USE OF ACCURATE, RELEVANT DATA.

(b) THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FINDS THEREFORE THAT, WITH THE CREATION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF A DATA DICTIONARY, THE DEPARTMENT MAY BRING CONSISTENCY AND GREATER ACCURACY TO THE DATA ELEMENTS COLLECTED FROM SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND INCREASE THE EFFICIENCY OF EDUCATION DATA SUBMISSION AND COLLECTION BY NOT COLLECTING THE SAME DATA ELEMENTS MORE OFTEN THAN NECESSARY.

(2) (a) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL DEVELOP AND DISTRIBUTE TO THE SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND PUBLIC SCHOOLS A DATA DICTIONARY TO DEFINE THE DATA THE DEPARTMENT WILL COLLECT AND THE METHODS AND PROTOCOLS BY WHICH SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND PUBLIC SCHOOLS WILL SUBMIT THE DATA. AT A MINIMUM, THE DATA

DICTIONARY SHALL INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

(I) A MAP OF THE CURRENT DATA COLLECTION REQUIREMENTS, INCLUDING THE DEFINITION OF EACH DATA ELEMENT, WHEN EACH DATA ELEMENT IS COLLECTED, IDENTIFICATION OF THE EXTERNAL REPORTS FOR WHICH EACH DATA ELEMENT IS USED, AND IDENTIFICATION OF THE METHOD BY WHICH EACH DATA ELEMENT IS COLLECTED;

(II) A DESCRIPTION OF THE FORMAT FOR DATA SUBMISSION, ACCEPTABLE VALUES IN DATA SUBMISSION, THE AVAILABLE OPTIONS FOR DEALING WITH DATA FIELDS FOR WHICH THE SUBMITTING SCHOOL DISTRICT OR PUBLIC SCHOOL DOES NOT HAVE INFORMATION, AND LOGICAL COMPARISONS TO PRIOR REPORTS;

(III) IDENTIFICATION OF DATA RELATIONSHIPS;

(IV) DATA ELEMENT TABLES; AND

(V) IDENTIFICATION OF DATA ELEMENT LOCATIONS WITHIN DATA ACCESS TOOLS.

(b) IN DEVELOPING THE DATA DICTIONARY, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL SEEK AND APPLY INPUT FROM SCHOOL DISTRICTS, PUBLIC SCHOOLS, AND THE EDAC. IN ADDITION, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ENSURE THAT THE DATA ELEMENTS INCLUDED IN THE DATA DICTIONARY ARE ALIGNED WITH THE DESCRIPTIONS AND DEFINITIONS OF DATA ELEMENTS THAT ARE USED BY NATIONAL EDUCATION ORGANIZATIONS SUCH AS THE FEDERAL DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONS THAT SET NATIONAL EDUCATION STANDARDS AND RATINGS.

(3) ON OR BEFORE AUGUST 1, 2007, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL REPORT THE STATUS OF THE DATA DICTIONARY TO THE STATE BOARD, THE EDUCATION COMMITTEES OF THE SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, OR ANY SUCCESSOR COMMITTEES, THE GOVERNOR, SCHOOL DISTRICTS, AND THE EDAC. AT A MINIMUM, THE REPORT SHALL INCLUDE:

(a) A DESCRIPTION OF HOW MANY SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND PUBLIC SCHOOLS WERE INVOLVED IN THE PROCESS OF CREATING THE DATA DICTIONARY, THE EXTENT TO WHICH THE EDAC WAS INVOLVED IN THE PROCESS, AND THE MANNER OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICTS', PUBLIC SCHOOLS', AND THE EDAC'S INVOLVEMENT;

(b) AN EXPLANATION OF THE DEPARTMENT'S METHODS AND CONSIDERATIONS IN CREATING THE DATA DICTIONARY, INCLUDING THE EXTENT TO WHICH THE DEPARTMENT CONSIDERED MODELS FROM OTHER STATES;

(c) AN EXPLANATION OF THE MANNER IN WHICH SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND PUBLIC SCHOOLS WILL ACCESS THE DATA DICTIONARY; AND

(d) THE METHOD BY AND FREQUENCY WITH WHICH THE DEPARTMENT PLANS TO REVIEW AND UPDATE THE DATA DICTIONARY.

(4) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ENSURE THAT THE DATA DICTIONARY IS FULLY OPERATIONAL AND AVAILABLE FOR USE ON OR BEFORE OCTOBER 1, 2007.

(5) THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FINDS AND DECLARES THAT, FOR PURPOSES OF SECTION 17 OF ARTICLE IX OF THE STATE CONSTITUTION, THE CREATION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DATA DICTIONARY PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION IS AN IMPORTANT ELEMENT OF ACCOUNTABILITY REPORTING AND MAY THEREFORE RECEIVE FUNDING FROM THE STATE EDUCATION FUND CREATED IN SECTION 17(4) OF ARTICLE IX OF THE STATE CONSTITUTION.

22-2-306. Advance notice - legislative declaration - data collection - data submission changes - website update - submission windows. (1) THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FINDS THAT IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND PUBLIC SCHOOLS RECEIVE ADEQUATE ADVANCE NOTICE OF CHANGES IN DATA SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS TO ENABLE THEM TO EFFECTIVELY COMPLY WITH THE NEW REQUIREMENTS. THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FURTHER FINDS THAT THE DEPARTMENT MUST ALLOW SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND PUBLIC SCHOOLS THE NECESSARY TIME IN WHICH TO COMPLY WITH CHANGES IN DATA SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS IN ORDER TO ENSURE THAT THE SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND PUBLIC SCHOOLS PROVIDE ACCURATE DATA.

(2) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL PROVIDE TO SCHOOL DISTRICTS, PUBLIC SCHOOLS, AND VENDORS NOTICE OF NEW FEDERAL OR STATE DATA SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS OR CHANGES TO EXISTING FEDERAL OR STATE DATA SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS WITHIN ONE BUSINESS DAY AFTER RECEIVING THE NEW OR CHANGED REQUIREMENTS. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL NOTIFY SCHOOL DISTRICTS, PUBLIC SCHOOLS, AND VENDORS OF NEW OR CHANGED FEDERAL OR STATE DATA SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS AND COMMUNICATE ANY OTHER PERTINENT INFORMATION THROUGH AN ELECTRONIC MAIL LIST DEVELOPED BY THE DEPARTMENT TO WHICH SCHOOL DISTRICTS, PUBLIC SCHOOLS, AND VENDORS MAY SUBSCRIBE. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ALSO CONDUCT INFORMATIONAL MEETINGS THAT ALLOW SCHOOL DISTRICTS, PUBLIC SCHOOLS, AND VENDORS TO ASK QUESTIONS AND RECEIVE TECHNICAL SUPPORT TO ENSURE ACCURACY AND EFFICIENCY IN DATA SUBMISSION.

(3) TO IMPROVE THE ACCURACY OF SUBMITTED DATA AND MINIMIZE INACCURATE DATA SUBMISSIONS AND ERRORS IN DATA SUBMITTED BY SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND PUBLIC SCHOOLS, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL UPDATE DATA REPORTING REQUIREMENTS ON THE DEPARTMENT WEBSITE ON A REGULAR BASIS. AT A MINIMUM, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ENSURE THAT THE DEPARTMENT WEBSITE IS UPDATED WITHIN SIXTY DAYS AFTER RECEIVING NOTICE OF ANY CHANGES TO STATE OR FEDERAL DATA REPORTING REQUIREMENTS. SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND PUBLIC SCHOOLS SHALL COMPLY WITH A CHANGE TO STATE OR FEDERAL DATA REPORTING REQUIREMENTS NO LATER THAN NINETY DAYS AFTER THE DEPARTMENT UPDATES THE WEBSITE WITH THE CHANGE.

(4) TO ASSIST THE DEPARTMENT, SCHOOL DISTRICTS, AND PUBLIC SCHOOLS IN EXERCISING REASONABLE MANAGEMENT OVER DATA COLLECTION AND SUBMISSION ACTIVITIES, THE STATE BOARD SHALL HAVE NINETY DAYS AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF LEGISLATION THAT ALTERS DATA COLLECTION REQUIREMENTS TO PROMULGATE RULES TO IMPLEMENT THE CHANGES. EACH SCHOOL DISTRICT AND PUBLIC SCHOOL SHALL HAVE NINETY DAYS AFTER PUBLICATION OF THE RULES TO REFORMAT ITS DATA SYSTEMS.

SECTION 2. Repeal. 22-2-116 (2), Colorado Revised Statutes, is repealed.

SECTION 3. 22-2-112, Colorado Revised Statutes, is amended BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SUBSECTION to read:

22-2-112. Commissioner - duties - repeal. (3) (a) IN PRESENTING ITS BUDGET REQUEST TO THE JOINT BUDGET COMMITTEE OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FOR THE 2008-09 FISCAL YEAR, THE COMMISSIONER SHALL ENSURE THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION REQUESTS FUNDING FOR THE ONGOING COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE DATA DICTIONARY PURSUANT TO SECTION 22-2-305 AND IDENTIFIES APPROPRIATE FUNDING SOURCES.

(b) THIS SUBSECTION (3) IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2008.

SECTION 4. 23-5-127 (4) (b), Colorado Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

23-5-127. Unique student identifying number - social security number - prohibition. (4) (b) Adams state college, Mesa state college, Western state college, and Metropolitan state college shall implement the provisions of paragraph (a) of this subsection (4) on or before ~~July 1, 2007~~ JULY 1, 2008. All other postsecondary institutions shall implement the provisions of paragraph (a) of this subsection (4) on or before July 1, 2009.

SECTION 5. 2-3-1203 (3), Colorado Revised Statutes, is amended BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW PARAGRAPH to read:

2-3-1203. Sunset review of advisory committees. (3) The following dates are the dates for which the statutory authorization for the designated advisory committees is scheduled for repeal:

(dd) JULY 1, 2017: THE EDUCATION DATA ADVISORY COMMITTEE CREATED PURSUANT TO SECTION 22-2-305, C.R.S.

SECTION 6. 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 department of education, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2007, the sum of two hundred seventy-four thousand seven hundred four dollars (\$274,704) and 1.0 FTE, 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 7. 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