

CHAPTER 71

EDUCATION - PUBLIC SCHOOLS

HOUSE BILL 14-1208

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AN ACT

CONCERNING AUTHORIZING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO RECOGNIZE AS ADMINISTRATIVE UNITS FOR PURPOSES OF THE "EXCEPTIONAL CHILDREN'S EDUCATIONAL ACT" GROUPS OF SCHOOL DISTRICTS THAT WERE PARTIES TO JOINT AGREEMENTS EXISTING ON JANUARY 1, 2011, TO PROVIDE SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES WITHOUT FORMING A BOARD OF COOPERATIVE SERVICES.

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

SECTION 1. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-20-103, **amend** (1); and **add** (19.3) as follows:

22-20-103. Definitions. As used in this part 1, unless the context otherwise requires:

(1) "Administrative unit" means a school district, a board of cooperative services, A MULTI-DISTRICT ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT, or the state charter school institute, that is providing educational services to exceptional children and that is responsible for the local administration of this article.

(19.3) "MULTI-DISTRICT ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT" MEANS A GROUP OF TWO OR MORE SCHOOL DISTRICTS THAT DID NOT FORM A BOARD OF COOPERATIVE SERVICES BUT WERE PARTIES TO AN AGREEMENT EXISTING ON JANUARY 1, 2011, TO PROVIDE EDUCATIONAL SERVICES TO EXCEPTIONAL CHILDREN AND TO BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE LOCAL ADMINISTRATION OF THIS ARTICLE, WHICH GROUP OF SCHOOL DISTRICTS THE DEPARTMENT RECOGNIZED AS OF JANUARY 1, 2011, AS AN ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT.

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

SECTION 2. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-20-106, **amend** (1) (a) as follows:

22-20-106. Special education programs - early intervening services - rules.
(1) (a) ~~By September 1, 1973;~~ Every school district in the state shall be either an administrative unit in itself or in a board of cooperative services ~~which shall be designated~~ THAT THE DEPARTMENT DESIGNATES as an administrative unit OR PARTICIPATE IN A MULTI-DISTRICT ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL NOT RECOGNIZE OR AUTHORIZE A GROUP OF SCHOOL DISTRICTS AS AN ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT UNLESS THE GROUP OF SCHOOL DISTRICTS QUALIFIES AS A MULTI-DISTRICT ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT OR IS A BOARD OF COOPERATIVE SERVICES.

SECTION 3. 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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