

CHAPTER 34

EDUCATION - PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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AN ACT**CONCERNING CHANGES TO ANNUAL REPORTS PREPARED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION.**

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

SECTION 1. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-14-111, **amend** (1) introductory portion as follows:

22-14-111. Report to general assembly, state board, and governor - exception to three-year expiration. (1) On or before February 15, 2010, ~~and on or before~~ **THROUGH** February 15, 2016, **AND ON OR BEFORE MARCH 15, 2017, AND ON OR BEFORE MARCH 15** each year thereafter, the office shall submit to the state board, TO the education committees of the senate and the house of representatives, or any successor committees, and to the governor a report making state policy findings and recommendations to reduce the student dropout rate and increase the student graduation and completion rates. At a minimum, in preparing the findings and recommendations, the office shall:

SECTION 2. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-29-103, **repeal** (3) as follows:

22-29-103. Character education - development - resource. (3) ~~The department may collect information related to character education and shall serve as a character education resource for all interested parents, school districts, and boards of cooperative services.~~

SECTION 3. In Colorado Revised Statutes, **repeal** 22-29-104 as follows:

22-29-104. Reports - school districts - department. (1) ~~Each school district~~

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may submit a report to the department concerning any character education program developed. Such report shall include such information and data as may be specified by rule of the state board and shall be filed on or before a date specified by rule of the state board.

~~(2) On or before each January 15, the department shall submit to the education committees of the senate and the house of representatives, or any successor committees, an executive summary of any reports submitted by school districts pursuant to subsection (1) of this section.~~

SECTION 4. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-36-106, **repeal** (2) as follows:

~~**22-36-106. Department - distribution of information.** (2) (a) The department of education shall study and evaluate the enrollment options available throughout the public school system in Colorado. The department is authorized to request from any school district such information and data as may be necessary to make such reports:~~

~~(b) Based upon such evaluation and study, the department of education shall make a report to the education committees of the senate and the house of representatives, or any successor committees, in each January.~~

SECTION 5. In Colorado Revised Statutes, **repeal** 22-29-105 as follows:

~~**22-29-105. Electronic transmission and storage of data.** To the extent practicable, the department may store electronically all data collected pursuant to this article. Further, each school district may submit information to the department electronically, consistent with rules promulgated by the state board pursuant to section 22-29-104 (1).~~

SECTION 6. In Colorado Revised Statutes, **repeal** 22-29-106 as follows:

~~**22-29-106. Character education fund - creation - contributions.** The department is hereby authorized to receive grants, gifts, donations, and contributions from any source, public or private, for the purpose of implementing this article. Any moneys received shall be transmitted to the state treasurer who shall credit the same to the character education fund, which fund is hereby created. Moneys in the fund shall be continuously appropriated to the department for the implementation of this article consistent with the standards established in section 22-29-103 (1). At the end of any fiscal year, all unexpended and unencumbered moneys in the character education fund shall remain therein and shall not be credited or transferred to the general fund or any other fund. Any interest derived from the deposit and investment of such moneys shall remain in the fund and may not be credited or transferred to the general fund or any other fund.~~

SECTION 7. Act subject to petition - effective date. This act takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly (August 10, 2016, if adjournment sine die is on May 11, 2016); except that, if a referendum petition is filed pursuant to section

1 (3) of article V of the state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take effect unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in November 2016 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.

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