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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING ACHIEVING A VISION FOR EDUCATION IN COLORADO.**

Bill Summary

(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://leg.colorado.gov>.)

The bill creates a strategic planning legislative steering committee (steering committee) to lead the statewide effort to establish a vision for education in the state (vision) and create a strategic statewide education plan (strategic plan) to achieve the vision. The bill creates an executive advisory board consisting of representatives from the departments of education and higher education, a co-chair of the early childhood leadership commission, and a representative from the governor's office. The chair and vice-chair of the steering committee will appoint a

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statewide advisory board consisting of representatives of the pertinent education stakeholder groups from around the state. The steering committee must contract with a nonprofit, nonadvocacy organization to act as facilitator for the steering committee and the advisory boards.

The bill describes the duties of the steering committee to be completed, with assistance from the advisory boards and the facilitator, in 4 phases. The duties include:

- ! Reviewing and synthesizing input already collected by the departments of education and higher education concerning the state education system;
- ! Reviewing research to identify the critical elements of the existing state education system and benchmarking the elements as implemented in Colorado against the elements as implemented in high-performing states and countries;
- ! Creating a structure and process for soliciting and synthesizing input from around the state to create the vision and the strategic plan; and
- ! After creating the vision and the strategic plan, overseeing the ongoing implementation of the strategic plan, including measuring the state's progress toward achieving the vision, periodically reviewing the vision and strategic plan, and, if necessary, revising the vision and strategic plan.

The steering committee must establish the timeline for creating the vision and the strategic plan and for beginning to implement the strategic plan. Beginning November 15, 2017, the steering committee must submit an annual report to the state board of education, the Colorado commission on higher education, the governor, and the education committees of the general assembly summarizing the work it completes each year and recommending legislative and regulatory changes, if necessary.

The steering committee and the advisory boards are not subject to sunset review.

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** part 2 to article
3 1 of title 22 as follows:

4 PART 2

5 STRATEGIC STATEWIDE EDUCATION PLAN

6 **22-1-201. Legislative declaration.** (1) THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
7 FINDS THAT:

1 (a) A HIGHLY EFFECTIVE SYSTEM FOR PROVIDING AND ACCESSING
2 EDUCATION IS THE CORNERSTONE OF SOCIETY; IF THE CHILDREN OF
3 COLORADO ARE NOT WELL EDUCATED, COLORADO CANNOT BE
4 SUCCESSFUL ECONOMICALLY OR AS A FREE AND INDEPENDENT SOCIETY;

5 (b) THE TWENTY-FIRST-CENTURY WORLD IS FIERCELY
6 COMPETITIVE; A WORLD-CLASS, HIGHLY EFFECTIVE
7 TWENTY-FIRST-CENTURY LEARNING SYSTEM IS THE KEY TO COLORADO'S
8 ECONOMIC SUCCESS;

9 (c) COLORADO'S EXISTING EDUCATION SYSTEM MUST MEET THE
10 NEEDS OF ITS STUDENTS AND FAMILIES. DESPITE AREAS OF SUCCESS
11 WITHIN THE STATE, STUDENT ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT IS GENERALLY
12 MEDIOCRE. HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES TOO OFTEN DO NOT HAVE THE
13 SKILLS THEY NEED TO SUCCEED IN POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION OR TO
14 COMPETE IN A GLOBAL JOB MARKET.

15 (d) COLORADO'S EXISTING EDUCATION SYSTEM MUST MEET THE
16 NEEDS OF THE STATE'S BUSINESS AND INDUSTRIAL COMMUNITY. THE
17 SYSTEM GENERALLY DOES NOT PRODUCE THE HIGHLY SKILLED
18 WORKFORCE THAT IS CRUCIAL TO THE SUCCESS OF BUSINESS AND
19 INDUSTRY IN COLORADO.

20 (e) THE AMOUNT OF EDUCATION FUNDING AND THE LOCAL TAX
21 BURDEN VARY WIDELY AMONG SCHOOL DISTRICTS BECAUSE OF
22 DIFFERENCES IN THE AMOUNT OF REAL PROPERTY ASSESSED VALUATION;
23 IN RECENT ELECTIONS, VOTERS HAVE BEEN UNWILLING TO BALANCE LOCAL
24 FUNDING WITH INCREASED AMOUNTS OF STATE RESOURCES FOR
25 EDUCATION.

26 (2) THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FURTHER FINDS THAT:

27 (a) TO CREATE A HIGHLY FUNCTIONING, WORLD-CLASS,

1 TWENTY-FIRST-CENTURY LEARNING SYSTEM, THE STATE MUST CREATE A
2 VISION OF THE LEARNING SYSTEM AS A WHOLE; ALL FACETS AND STAGES
3 OF PROVIDING EDUCATION WITHIN THE STATE MUST BE INTEGRATED AND
4 COHERENT. TRYING TO ADDRESS PIECES OF THE LEARNING SYSTEM
5 INDIVIDUALLY WITHOUT CONSIDERING THE EFFECT EACH HAS ON THE
6 WHOLE IS NEITHER SUFFICIENT NOR EFFECTIVE.

7 (b) IN CREATING A VISION FOR EDUCATION IN COLORADO, THE
8 STATE MUST CONSIDER THE KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS THAT STUDENTS IN
9 THE GRADUATING CLASS OF 2030 WILL NEED TO COMPETE ECONOMICALLY
10 ON A GLOBAL BASIS AND REACH THEIR FULL POTENTIAL AS CITIZENS OF
11 THE STATE AND HOW THE STATE WILL ENSURE THAT EVERY STUDENT
12 ATTAINS THIS KNOWLEDGE AND THESE SKILLS EFFECTIVELY AND
13 EFFICIENTLY;

14 (c) COLORADO MUST HAVE A STRATEGIC STATEWIDE EDUCATION
15 PLAN TO IMPLEMENT THE VISION. THE STRATEGIC PLAN MUST ENCOMPASS
16 POLICIES AND ELEMENTS OF THE LEARNING SYSTEM FROM EARLY
17 LEARNING THROUGH POSTGRADUATE DEGREES AND ENSURE THAT THESE
18 POLICIES AND ELEMENTS REMAIN ALIGNED AND MUTUALLY SUPPORTIVE
19 THROUGHOUT IMPLEMENTATION OF THE STRATEGIC PLAN.

20 (d) THE STRATEGIC STATEWIDE EDUCATION PLAN MUST BE
21 STUDENT-CENTERED AND DESIGNED TO ENSURE FLEXIBILITY AND EQUITY
22 OF EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY AND FUNDING FOR EVERY STUDENT IN THE
23 STATE;

24 (e) COLORADO ALSO NEEDS A STRATEGIC STATEWIDE EDUCATION
25 PLAN TO PROVIDE A CONTEXT FOR ANALYZING AND ACCEPTING OR
26 REJECTING NEW EDUCATION TECHNOLOGIES AND OTHER INNOVATIONS
27 AND IDEAS FOR DELIVERING EDUCATION THAT ARE NOW DEVELOPING AND

1 WILL CONTINUE TO ADVANCE; AND

2 (f) TO IMPLEMENT A STRATEGIC STATEWIDE EDUCATION PLAN
3 WITH INTEGRITY AND CONSISTENCY ACROSS YEARS, PARENTS, EDUCATORS,
4 SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS, SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARDS OF EDUCATION,
5 INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION, THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY, AND
6 OTHER EDUCATION ADVOCATES, THROUGHOUT THE STATE, AND ALL
7 STATE-LEVEL EDUCATION POLICY MAKERS MUST SUPPORT THE STRATEGIC
8 STATEWIDE EDUCATION PLAN. ACCOMPLISHING THIS LEVEL OF SUPPORT
9 REQUIRES THAT ALL PERSONS WHO HAVE AN INTEREST IN ENSURING THAT
10 THE STATE'S TWENTY-FIRST-CENTURY LEARNING SYSTEM IS HIGHLY
11 EFFECTIVE AND GLOBALLY COMPETITIVE HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO BE
12 INVOLVED IN CREATING THE STRATEGIC STATEWIDE EDUCATION PLAN.

13 (3) THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FINDS, THEREFORE, THAT IT IS
14 IMPERATIVE TO CREATE AN ENDURING, COMPREHENSIVE, AND INCLUSIVE
15 STRUCTURE AND PROCESS FOR ESTABLISHING A VISION FOR EDUCATION IN
16 COLORADO AND FOR CREATING A STRATEGIC STATEWIDE EDUCATION PLAN
17 FOR ACHIEVING THAT VISION.

18 **22-1-202. Definitions.** AS USED IN THIS PART 2, UNLESS THE
19 CONTEXT OTHERWISE REQUIRES:

20 (1) "ADVISORY BOARDS" MEANS THE EXECUTIVE ADVISORY BOARD
21 AND THE STATEWIDE ADVISORY BOARD CREATED IN SECTION 22-1-204.

22 (2) "EDUCATION COMMITTEES" MEANS THE EDUCATION
23 COMMITTEES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND THE SENATE, OR
24 ANY SUCCESSOR COMMITTEES.

25 (3) "STEERING COMMITTEE" MEANS THE STRATEGIC PLANNING
26 LEGISLATIVE STEERING COMMITTEE CREATED IN SECTION 22-1-203.

27 (4) "STRATEGIC PLAN" MEANS THE STRATEGIC STATEWIDE

1 EDUCATION PLAN.

2 **22-1-203. Strategic planning legislative steering committee -**

3 **created - membership.** (1) THERE IS CREATED IN THE LEGISLATIVE
4 DEPARTMENT THE STRATEGIC PLANNING LEGISLATIVE STEERING
5 COMMITTEE FOR CREATING A VISION FOR EDUCATION IN COLORADO AND
6 CREATING A STRATEGIC STATEWIDE EDUCATION PLAN. THE STEERING
7 COMMITTEE, WORKING WITH THE EXECUTIVE ADVISORY BOARD AND THE
8 STATEWIDE ADVISORY BOARD CREATED IN SECTION 22-1-204, SHALL
9 ESTABLISH THE STRUCTURE AND PROCESS FOR CREATING THE VISION FOR
10 EDUCATION AND THE STRATEGIC PLAN AND SHALL OVERSEE THE ONGOING
11 IMPLEMENTATION OF THE STRATEGIC PLAN AS PROVIDED IN SECTION
12 22-1-206.

13 (2) THE STEERING COMMITTEE CONSISTS OF TWELVE MEMBERS OF
14 THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AS FOLLOWS:

15 (a) THE CHAIRS OF THE EDUCATION COMMITTEES OR THEIR
16 DESIGNEES;

17 (b) TWO MEMBERS OF THE JOINT BUDGET COMMITTEE OF THE
18 GENERAL ASSEMBLY, ONE APPOINTED BY THE CHAIR OF THE JOINT BUDGET
19 COMMITTEE AND ONE APPOINTED BY THE VICE-CHAIR OF THE JOINT
20 BUDGET COMMITTEE;

21 (c) FOUR MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, TWO
22 APPOINTED BY THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND
23 TWO APPOINTED BY THE MINORITY LEADER OF THE HOUSE OF
24 REPRESENTATIVES; AND

25 (d) FOUR MEMBERS OF THE SENATE, TWO APPOINTED BY THE
26 PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE AND TWO APPOINTED BY THE MINORITY LEADER
27 OF THE SENATE.

1 (3) THE TEN APPOINTED MEMBERS OF THE STEERING COMMITTEE
2 SHALL BE APPOINTED NO LATER THAN TEN DAYS AFTER THE CONVENING
3 OF THE FIRST REGULAR SESSION OF EACH GENERAL ASSEMBLY; EXCEPT
4 THAT THE MEMBERS FIRST APPOINTED SHALL BE APPOINTED NO LATER
5 THAN JULY 1, 2017. MEMBERSHIP ON THE STEERING COMMITTEE OF EACH
6 APPOINTED MEMBER TERMINATES UPON THE APPOINTMENT OF HIS OR HER
7 SUCCESSOR OR UPON TERMINATION OF A MEMBER'S TERM OF OFFICE IN THE
8 GENERAL ASSEMBLY, WHICHEVER FIRST OCCURS. THE MEMBERSHIP OF AN
9 EDUCATION COMMITTEE CHAIR TERMINATES UPON THE TERMINATION OF
10 HIS OR HER TERM OF OFFICE IN THE DESIGNATED POSITION. A MEMBER MAY
11 BE APPOINTED TO SUCCEED HIMSELF OR HERSELF ON THE STEERING
12 COMMITTEE. THE APPROPRIATE APPOINTING AUTHORITIES SHALL FILL
13 VACANCIES IN THE STEERING COMMITTEE'S MEMBERSHIP IN THE SAME
14 MANNER AS ORIGINAL APPOINTMENTS.

15 (4) (a) THE CHAIRS OF THE EDUCATION COMMITTEES SHALL
16 JOINTLY CALL THE FIRST MEETING OF THE STEERING COMMITTEE NO LATER
17 THAN AUGUST 1, 2017. THE STEERING COMMITTEE SHALL MEET AT THE
18 CALL OF THE CHAIR AS OFTEN AS NECESSARY TO COMPLETE ITS DUTIES.

19 (b) THE STEERING COMMITTEE SHALL ANNUALLY SELECT FROM
20 AMONG ITS MEMBERS A CHAIR AND A VICE-CHAIR WHO ARE NOT MEMBERS
21 OF THE SAME PARTY.

22 (5) AT THE REQUEST OF THE CHAIR OF THE STEERING COMMITTEE,
23 THE DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE LEGAL SERVICES, THE
24 DIRECTOR OF RESEARCH OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, AND THE DIRECTOR
25 OF THE JOINT BUDGET COMMITTEE STAFF SHALL PROVIDE STAFF
26 ASSISTANCE TO THE STEERING COMMITTEE. AT THE REQUEST OF THE CHAIR
27 OF THE STEERING COMMITTEE, A STATE DEPARTMENT SHALL PROVIDE

1 RESEARCH OR INFORMATION TO SUPPORT THE WORK OF THE STEERING
2 COMMITTEE.

3 (6) (a) THE MEMBERS OF THE STEERING COMMITTEE SHALL
4 RECEIVE COMPENSATION AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 2-2-326.
5 COMPENSATION FOR MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND FOR
6 STAFF ASSISTANCE TO THE STEERING COMMITTEE AND ADVISORY BOARDS
7 PROVIDED BY THE DIRECTOR OF RESEARCH OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL,
8 THE DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE LEGAL SERVICES, AND THE
9 DIRECTOR OF THE JOINT BUDGET COMMITTEE STAFF MUST BE APPROVED BY
10 THE CHAIR OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AND PAID BY VOUCHERS AND
11 WARRANTS DRAWN AS PROVIDED BY LAW FROM MONEY APPROPRIATED
12 FOR SUCH PURPOSE AND ALLOCATED TO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

13 (b) THE STEERING COMMITTEE MAY SEEK, ACCEPT, AND EXPEND
14 GIFTS, GRANTS, OR DONATIONS FROM PRIVATE OR PUBLIC SOURCES FOR
15 THE PURPOSES OF THIS PART 2. ANY MONEY RECEIVED IN GIFTS, GRANTS,
16 OR DONATIONS SHALL BE CREDITED TO THE STRATEGIC PLANNING
17 LEGISLATIVE STEERING COMMITTEE ACCOUNT, REFERRED TO IN THIS
18 SUBSECTION (6)(b) AS THE "ACCOUNT", CREATED IN THE LEGISLATIVE
19 DEPARTMENT CASH FUND IN SECTION 2-2-1601 (2.7). REIMBURSEMENT
20 FOR EXPENSES FOR MEMBERS OF THE STATEWIDE ADVISORY BOARD AND
21 PAYMENT OF EXPENSES INCURRED IN CONTRACTING WITH THE
22 FACILITATOR MUST BE APPROVED BY THE CHAIR OF THE STEERING
23 COMMITTEE AND PAID BY VOUCHERS AND WARRANTS DRAWN AS
24 PROVIDED BY LAW FROM MONEY CREDITED OR APPROPRIATED TO THE
25 ACCOUNT.

26 **22-1-204. Executive advisory board - statewide advisory board**
27 **- membership.** (1) AN EXECUTIVE ADVISORY BOARD, AS DESCRIBED IN

1 SUBSECTION (2) OF THIS SECTION, AND A STATEWIDE ADVISORY BOARD, AS
2 DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (3) OF THIS SECTION, SHALL SUPPORT AND
3 ADVISE THE STEERING COMMITTEE IN CREATING A VISION FOR EDUCATION
4 IN COLORADO AND CREATING AND OVERSEEING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF
5 A STRATEGIC STATEWIDE EDUCATION PLAN. THE CHAIR OF THE STEERING
6 COMMITTEE SHALL ASSIGN SPECIFIC DUTIES TO THE ADVISORY BOARDS AS
7 NECESSARY TO ASSIST THE STEERING COMMITTEE IN COMPLETING ITS
8 DUTIES.

9 (2) (a) THE EXECUTIVE ADVISORY BOARD CONSISTS OF THE
10 FOLLOWING MEMBERS:

11 (I) THE COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION APPOINTED BY THE STATE
12 BOARD OF EDUCATION PURSUANT TO SECTION 1 OF ARTICLE IX OF THE
13 STATE CONSTITUTION;

14 (II) THE CHAIR OF THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION CREATED IN
15 SECTION 1 OF ARTICLE IX OF THE STATE CONSTITUTION AND THE RANKING
16 MINORITY PARTY MEMBER OF THE BOARD;

17 (III) THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER
18 EDUCATION CREATED AND EXISTING PURSUANT TO SECTION 24-1-114;

19 (IV) THE CHAIR OF THE COLORADO COMMISSION ON HIGHER
20 EDUCATION CREATED IN SECTION 23-1-102;

21 (V) ONE OF THE CO-CHAIRS OF THE EARLY CHILDHOOD
22 LEADERSHIP COMMISSION CREATED IN SECTION 26-6.2-103, AS SELECTED
23 BY THE CO-CHAIRS; AND

24 (VI) A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE.

25 (b) THE CHAIR OF THE STEERING COMMITTEE SHALL CALL THE
26 FIRST MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE ADVISORY BOARD. AT THE FIRST
27 MEETING AND EVERY TWO YEARS THEREAFTER, THE MEMBERS OF THE

1 EXECUTIVE ADVISORY BOARD SHALL SELECT MEMBERS TO SERVE AS CHAIR
2 AND VICE-CHAIR. THE EXECUTIVE ADVISORY BOARD MAY SELECT THE
3 SAME PERSON TO SERVE MULTIPLE CONSECUTIVE TERMS.

4 (3) (a) AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS
5 SECTION, THE CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR OF THE STEERING COMMITTEE SHALL
6 APPOINT THE MEMBERS OF THE STATEWIDE ADVISORY BOARD. TO THE
7 EXTENT PRACTICABLE, THE CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR SHALL ENSURE THAT
8 THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE STATEWIDE ADVISORY BOARD PROVIDES
9 BALANCED REPRESENTATION OF, AT A MINIMUM, THE FOLLOWING
10 INTERESTED CONSTITUENCIES:

- 11 (I) TEACHERS IN ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS;
- 12 (II) NONTEACHING STAFF IN ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY
13 SCHOOLS;
- 14 (III) PUBLIC SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS AND SCHOOL DISTRICT
15 SUPERINTENDENTS;
- 16 (IV) MEMBERS OF SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARDS OF EDUCATION;
- 17 (V) CHARTER SCHOOL GOVERNING BOARD MEMBERS,
18 ADMINISTRATORS, AND TEACHERS;
- 19 (VI) FACULTY MEMBERS AND ADMINISTRATORS FROM
20 INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION IN THE STATE;
- 21 (VII) PARENTS OF STUDENTS ENROLLED IN AN ELEMENTARY OR
22 SECONDARY SCHOOL, WHICH MAY INCLUDE PARENTS WHO SERVE ON
23 SCHOOL DISTRICT OR SCHOOL ACCOUNTABILITY COMMITTEES;
- 24 (VIII) PARENTS OF STUDENTS ENROLLED IN AN INSTITUTION OF
25 HIGHER EDUCATION IN THE STATE;
- 26 (IX) ENROLLED STUDENTS OR RECENT GRADUATES OF HIGH
27 SCHOOLS OR INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION;

1 (X) PERSONS WITH EXPERTISE IN EDUCATION POLICY; AND

2 (XI) MEMBERS OF THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY.

3 (b) IN APPOINTING MEMBERS OF THE STATEWIDE ADVISORY BOARD,
4 THE CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR OF THE STEERING COMMITTEE, TO THE EXTENT
5 PRACTICABLE, SHALL:

6 (I) ENSURE THAT THE MEMBERS REPRESENT ALL AREAS OF THE
7 STATE, INCLUDING URBAN, SUBURBAN, AND RURAL AREAS, AND REFLECT
8 THE GENDER AND RACIAL DEMOGRAPHICS OF THE STATE; AND

9 (II) TAKE INTO ACCOUNT RECOMMENDATIONS RECEIVED FROM
10 STATE ORGANIZATIONS THAT REPRESENT THE CONSTITUENCIES LISTED IN
11 SUBSECTION (3)(a) OF THIS SECTION.

12 (c) THE CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR OF THE STEERING COMMITTEE
13 SHALL APPOINT THE INITIAL CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR OF THE STATEWIDE
14 ADVISORY BOARD, WHO SHALL SERVE FOR A TWO-YEAR TERM.
15 SUBSEQUENTLY, THE STATEWIDE ADVISORY BOARD SHALL SELECT THE
16 CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR EVERY TWO YEARS. THE STATEWIDE ADVISORY
17 BOARD MAY SELECT THE SAME PERSON TO SERVE MULTIPLE CONSECUTIVE
18 TERMS.

19 (d) THE MEMBERS OF THE STATEWIDE ADVISORY BOARD SERVE
20 WITHOUT COMPENSATION BUT MAY BE REIMBURSED FOR NECESSARY
21 EXPENSES INCURRED IN SERVING ON THE STATEWIDE ADVISORY BOARD.

22 (4) THE ADVISORY BOARDS SHALL MEET AT THE CALL OF THE
23 RESPECTIVE CHAIRS OF THE BOARDS AND, AT THE REQUEST OF THE CHAIR
24 OF THE STEERING COMMITTEE, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE STEERING
25 COMMITTEE, AS OFTEN AS NECESSARY TO COMPLETE THEIR DUTIES. THE
26 CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR OF THE STEERING COMMITTEE AND THE CHAIRS
27 AND VICE-CHAIRS OF THE ADVISORY BOARDS SHALL COORDINATE THE

1 WORK OF THE STEERING COMMITTEE AND THE ADVISORY BOARDS.

2 **22-1-205. Facilitator - request for proposals - duties.** (1) BY
3 SEPTEMBER 1, 2017, THE STEERING COMMITTEE SHALL ISSUE A REQUEST
4 FOR PROPOSALS FOR A NONPROFIT, NONADVOCACY ORGANIZATION WITH
5 EXPERIENCE IN EDUCATION POLICY TO SERVE AS A FACILITATOR FOR THE
6 STEERING COMMITTEE AND THE ADVISORY BOARDS. THE STEERING
7 COMMITTEE SHALL ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH THE FACILITATOR BY
8 OCTOBER 1, 2017.

9 (2) THE DUTIES OF THE FACILITATOR INCLUDE:

10 (a) CREATING AND IMPLEMENTING A STATEWIDE
11 COMMUNICATIONS PLAN TO EXPLAIN THE WORK OF THE STEERING
12 COMMITTEE AND THE ADVISORY BOARDS TO THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE
13 AND TO PROVIDE ONGOING INFORMATION CONCERNING THE PROGRESS OF
14 THE STEERING COMMITTEE AND THE ADVISORY BOARDS IN CREATING THE
15 VISION FOR EDUCATION IN COLORADO AND CREATING AND IMPLEMENTING
16 THE STRATEGIC PLAN. AT A MINIMUM, THE COMMUNICATIONS PLAN MUST
17 INCLUDE REGULAR COMMUNICATIONS CONCERNING OPPORTUNITIES FOR
18 THE PUBLIC TO PROVIDE INPUT CONCERNING CREATION AND
19 IMPLEMENTATION OF THE VISION FOR EDUCATION AND THE STRATEGIC
20 PLAN.

21 (b) HOLDING PUBLIC MEETINGS AROUND THE STATE TO SOLICIT
22 INPUT CONCERNING THE STATEWIDE STRUCTURE AND PROCESSES FOR
23 OBTAINING INPUT REGARDING THE VISION FOR EDUCATION AND THE
24 STRATEGIC PLAN;

25 (c) CONVENING, FACILITATING, AND STAFFING MEETINGS OF THE
26 STEERING COMMITTEE, THE ADVISORY BOARDS, AND OTHER LOCAL
27 ADVISORY GROUPS AT THE REQUEST OF THE CHAIR OF THE STEERING

1 COMMITTEE;

2 (d) PROVIDING OTHER STAFF SUPPORT FOR THE STEERING
3 COMMITTEE AND THE ADVISORY BOARDS;

4 (e) MONITORING ONGOING STUDIES OF ISSUES RELATING TO
5 EDUCATION POLICY, INCLUDING SCHOOL FINANCE, BY COLORADO
6 LEGISLATIVE INTERIM COMMITTEES AND OTHER EDUCATION POLICY STUDY
7 GROUPS, INCLUDING THE EDUCATION LEADERSHIP COUNCIL CREATED BY
8 EXECUTIVE ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR AND THE EARLY CHILDHOOD
9 LEADERSHIP COMMISSION CREATED IN SECTION 26-6.2-103, THAT OCCUR
10 SIMULTANEOUSLY WITH THE WORK OF THE STEERING COMMITTEE,
11 REPORTING THE FINDINGS OF THE INTERIM COMMITTEES OR STUDY GROUPS
12 TO THE STEERING COMMITTEE, AND, IF REQUESTED BY THE CHAIR OF THE
13 STEERING COMMITTEE, ACTING AS A LIAISON BETWEEN AN INTERIM
14 COMMITTEE OR STUDY GROUP AND THE STEERING COMMITTEE;

15 (f) PROVIDING RESEARCH OR OTHER SERVICES TO ASSIST THE
16 STEERING COMMITTEE AND THE ADVISORY BOARDS IN COMPLETING THEIR
17 DUTIES; AND

18 (g) OTHER DUTIES OR TASKS THAT THE CHAIR OF THE STEERING
19 COMMITTEE MAY ASSIGN TO ASSIST THE STEERING COMMITTEE OR THE
20 ADVISORY BOARDS IN COMPLETING THEIR DUTIES.

21 **22-1-206. Steering committee - advisory boards - duties -**
22 **reports.** (1) THE WORK OF THE STEERING COMMITTEE AND THE ADVISORY
23 BOARDS IS ORGANIZED AS FOLLOWS:

24 (a) PHASE ONE:

25 (I) OVERSEE THE WORK OF THE FACILITATOR IN IMPLEMENTING
26 THE STATEWIDE COMMUNICATIONS PLAN;

27 (II) REVIEW AND SYNTHESIZE PUBLIC INPUT PREVIOUSLY

1 COLLECTED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND THE DEPARTMENT
2 OF HIGHER EDUCATION CONCERNING THE EDUCATION SYSTEM IN THE
3 STATE;

4 (III) REVIEW AND SYNTHESIZE PERTINENT RESEARCH REGARDING
5 ACADEMICALLY HIGH-PERFORMING STATES AND COUNTRIES AND THE
6 STRUCTURE OF THEIR EDUCATION SYSTEMS;

7 (IV) IDENTIFY THE CRITICAL ELEMENTS OF THE EXISTING STATE
8 EDUCATION SYSTEM AND BENCHMARK THE STATE'S IMPLEMENTATION OF
9 THOSE ELEMENTS AGAINST THE IMPLEMENTATION OF COMPARABLE
10 ELEMENTS IN THE EDUCATION SYSTEMS OF HIGH-PERFORMING STATES AND
11 COUNTRIES; AND

12 (V) TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE PUBLIC COMMENTS COLLECTED BY
13 THE FACILITATOR, CREATE A STATEWIDE STRUCTURE AND PROCESSES FOR
14 OBTAINING AND SYNTHESIZING INPUT TO CREATE A VISION FOR EDUCATION
15 AND A STRATEGIC PLAN TO ACHIEVE THE VISION. IN CREATING THE
16 STATEWIDE STRUCTURE AND PROCESSES, THE STEERING COMMITTEE MAY
17 SOLICIT DRAFT PLANS FROM REGIONAL GROUPS FORMED OR PREVIOUSLY
18 EXISTING THROUGHOUT THE STATE. THE STEERING COMMITTEE SHALL
19 INCLUDE WITH THE DESCRIPTION OF THE STRUCTURE AND PROCESSES AN
20 ESTIMATED TIMELINE FOR FINALIZING THE VISION AND CREATING AND
21 STARTING TO IMPLEMENT THE STRATEGIC PLAN.

22 (b) PHASE TWO:

23 (I) IMPLEMENT THE STATEWIDE STRUCTURE AND PROCESSES
24 CREATED IN PHASE ONE TO COLLECT INPUT FROM AROUND THE STATE
25 CONCERNING THE VISION FOR EDUCATION AND THE STRATEGIC PLAN; AND

26 (II) CONTINUE RESEARCHING AND BENCHMARKING REGARDING
27 THE CRITICAL ELEMENTS OF THE STATE EDUCATION SYSTEM.

1 (c) PHASE THREE:

2 (I) ANALYZE AND SYNTHESIZE THE INFORMATION COLLECTED
3 THROUGH THE STATEWIDE STRUCTURE AND PROCESSES AND CREATE A
4 DRAFT OF THE VISION FOR EDUCATION AND A DRAFT OF THE STRATEGIC
5 PLAN. THE STRATEGIC PLAN MUST, AT A MINIMUM:

6 (A) ADDRESS THE ENTIRE LEARNING SYSTEM, INCLUDING ALL OF
7 THE IDENTIFIED CRITICAL ELEMENTS;

8 (B) PRIORITIZE WORK ON IMPROVING THE CRITICAL ELEMENTS,
9 INCLUDING ESTABLISHING TIMELINES FOR IMPLEMENTING THE
10 IMPROVEMENTS TO THE CRITICAL ELEMENTS;

11 (C) INCLUDE A METHOD FOR REVIEWING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF
12 THE STRATEGIC PLAN AND METHODS AND CRITERIA FOR MEASURING THE
13 STATE'S PROGRESS TOWARD ACHIEVING THE VISION FOR EDUCATION; AND

14 (D) ALLOW FOR PERIODIC REVIEW AND, IF NECESSARY, REVISION
15 TO ENSURE CONTINUING PROGRESS TOWARD ACHIEVING THE VISION FOR
16 EDUCATION; AND

17 (II) BY THE DATE THAT THE STEERING COMMITTEE SPECIFIES IN
18 PHASE ONE OF THE WORK, SUBMIT THE DRAFT VISION AND THE DRAFT
19 STRATEGIC PLAN TO THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION, THE GOVERNOR,
20 AND THE EDUCATION COMMITTEES FOR REVIEW AND COMMENT.

21 (d) PHASE FOUR:

22 (I) ADOPT THE VISION FOR EDUCATION IN THE STATE;

23 (II) ADOPT AND OVERSEE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE
24 STRATEGIC PLAN; AND

25 (III) RECOMMEND TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND THE STATE
26 BOARD OF EDUCATION ANY LEGISLATIVE OR REGULATORY CHANGES THAT
27 MAY BE NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THE STRATEGIC PLAN.

1 (e) AFTER PHASE FOUR, THE STEERING COMMITTEE AND THE
2 ADVISORY BOARDS SHALL CONTINUE MEETING AND WORKING WITH THE
3 DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, THE DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION,
4 THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE, AND THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO OVERSEE AND
5 ENSURE THE CONTINUING AND SUCCESSFUL IMPLEMENTATION OF THE
6 STRATEGIC PLAN TO ACHIEVE THE VISION FOR EDUCATION. THE STEERING
7 COMMITTEE AND THE ADVISORY BOARDS SHALL PERIODICALLY REVIEW,
8 AND IF NECESSARY AMEND, THE VISION TO ENSURE IT REMAINS CURRENT
9 AND RELEVANT TO CHANGING CIRCUMSTANCES AND PERIODICALLY
10 REVIEW, AND IF NECESSARY REVISE, THE STRATEGIC PLAN TO ENSURE IT
11 ALIGNS WITH AND IS EFFECTIVELY DESIGNED TO ACHIEVE THE VISION.

12 (2) NOTWITHSTANDING THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 24-1-136
13 (11)(a)(I), ON OR BEFORE NOVEMBER 15, 2017, AND ON OR BEFORE
14 NOVEMBER 15 EACH YEAR THEREAFTER, THE STEERING COMMITTEE SHALL
15 SUBMIT TO THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION, THE COLORADO
16 COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION, THE GOVERNOR, AND THE
17 EDUCATION COMMITTEES A REPORT OF THE STEERING COMMITTEE'S
18 PROGRESS IN COMPLETING THE PHASES OF WORK DESCRIBED IN
19 SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS SECTION. AT A MINIMUM, THE REPORT MUST
20 INCLUDE A SUMMARY OF THE WORK COMPLETED, DEADLINES FOR
21 COMPLETING THE REMAINING WORK, AND RECOMMENDATIONS, IF ANY,
22 FOR STATUTORY OR REGULATORY CHANGES THAT ARE REQUIRED TO
23 COMPLETE THE WORK AND IMPLEMENT THE STRATEGIC PLAN.

24 **22-1-207. Continuation of steering committee and advisory**
25 **board.** NOTWITHSTANDING THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 2-3-1203, THE
26 STEERING COMMITTEE AND THE ADVISORY BOARDS ARE PERMANENT,
27 ONGOING ENTITIES. AS SUCH, THEY ARE NOT SUBJECT TO REVIEW BY THE

1 DEPARTMENT OF REGULATORY AGENCIES AND SHALL CONTINUE UNTIL
2 SUCH TIME AS THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY CHOOSES TO REPEAL SECTION
3 22-1-203 OR 22-1-204.

4 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 2-2-1601, **amend** (2);
5 and **add** (2.7) as follows:

6 **2-2-1601. Legislative department cash fund - redistricting**
7 **account - strategic planning legislative steering committee account -**
8 **creation - definition.** (2) Except for ~~moneys~~ MONEY in the redistricting
9 account AND THE STRATEGIC PLANNING LEGISLATIVE STEERING
10 COMMITTEE ACCOUNT created pursuant to ~~subsection (2.5)~~ SUBSECTIONS
11 (2.5) AND (2.7), RESPECTIVELY, of this section, ~~moneys~~ MONEY in the
12 legislative department cash fund ~~are~~ IS continuously appropriated to the
13 executive committee of the legislative council to pay for expenses of the
14 legislative department of the state of Colorado. ~~Moneys~~ MONEY in the
15 fund shall be expended consistent with any terms and conditions imposed
16 as a condition of receiving such ~~moneys~~ MONEY as gifts, grants, or
17 donations.

18 (2.7) THERE IS CREATED IN THE LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT CASH
19 FUND THE STRATEGIC PLANNING LEGISLATIVE STEERING COMMITTEE
20 ACCOUNT, REFERRED TO IN THIS SUBSECTION (2.7) AS THE "STEERING
21 COMMITTEE ACCOUNT". THE STEERING COMMITTEE ACCOUNT IS
22 COMPRISED OF ANY MONEY APPROPRIATED OR TRANSFERRED TO THE
23 STEERING COMMITTEE ACCOUNT AND ANY MONEY RECEIVED BY THE
24 STRATEGIC PLANNING LEGISLATIVE STEERING COMMITTEE, CREATED IN
25 SECTION 22-1-203, OR THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AS PUBLIC OR PRIVATE
26 GIFTS, GRANTS, OR DONATIONS RELATED TO CREATING THE VISION FOR
27 EDUCATION IN COLORADO OR CREATING OR OVERSEEING THE STRATEGIC

1 STATEWIDE EDUCATION PLAN TO IMPLEMENT THE VISION. MONEY IN THE
2 STEERING COMMITTEE ACCOUNT IS CONTINUOUSLY APPROPRIATED TO THE
3 STEERING COMMITTEE AND TO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL STAFF TO PAY
4 FOR THE REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES INCURRED BY THE STATEWIDE
5 ADVISORY COMMITTEE AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 22-1-204 (3)(d) AND THE
6 EXPENSE OF CONTRACTING WITH THE FACILITATOR AS PROVIDED IN
7 SECTION 22-1-205. ALL INTEREST EARNED ON THE INVESTMENT OF MONEY
8 IN THE STEERING COMMITTEE ACCOUNT SHALL BE CREDITED TO THE
9 ACCOUNT. ANY MONEY CREDITED TO THE STEERING COMMITTEE ACCOUNT
10 AND UNEXPENDED AT THE END OF A FISCAL YEAR MUST REMAIN IN THE
11 STEERING COMMITTEE ACCOUNT AND SHALL NOT REVERT OR BE
12 TRANSFERRED TO THE GENERAL FUND OR ANY OTHER FUND.

13 **SECTION 3.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-1-102.5, **amend**
14 (2)(a) introductory portion as follows:

15 **22-1-102.5. Definition of homeless child.** (2) (a) As used in this
16 ~~article~~ SECTION AND SECTION 22-1-102, unless the context otherwise
17 requires, "homeless child" means:

18 **SECTION 4. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,
19 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate
20 preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.