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HOUSE BILL 18-1198

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF BEST PRACTICES FOR STATE  
102 BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS.

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**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/>.)*

**Legislative Audit Committee.** The bill requires each statutorily created board or commission in state government to implement written policies and obtain annual training on specified issues in order to ensure that best practices are utilized and requires each state agency responsible for a statutorily created board or commission to ensure that the state board or commission obtains the annual training and implements the written

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.  
Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material to be added to existing statute.  
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policies.

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

2           **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 24-3.7-102 as  
3 follows:

4           **24-3.7-102. Best practices for state boards and commissions.**

5 (1) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY LAW TO THE CONTRARY, EACH STATUTORILY  
6 CREATED BOARD OR COMMISSION IN STATE GOVERNMENT SHALL  
7 IMPLEMENT WRITTEN POLICIES AND OBTAIN ANNUAL TRAINING ON:

8           (a) UNDERSTANDING AND OPERATING WITHIN THE LIMITS OF  
9 STATUTORY DIRECTIVES, LEGISLATIVE INTENT, AND ANY SPECIFIC  
10 DIRECTIONS OR LAWS RELATED TO THE BOARD OR COMMISSION'S  
11 ESTABLISHMENT AND ITS POWERS AND DUTIES;

12           (b) DEFINING THE BOARD OR COMMISSION'S MISSION OR ROLE IN  
13 THE OVERSIGHT OF PROJECTS OR ENTITIES APPROVED TO RECEIVE PUBLIC  
14 FUNDING;

15           (c) UNDERSTANDING THE GOALS OF THE PROGRAMS THE BOARD OR  
16 COMMISSION OVERSEES, AND ALIGNING THE BOARD OR COMMISSION'S  
17 PROCESSES WITH THOSE GOALS;

18           (d) IDENTIFYING AND MANAGING CONFLICTS OF INTEREST;

19           (e) UNDERSTANDING THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE "COLORADO  
20 OPEN RECORDS ACT", PART 2 OF ARTICLE 72 OF THIS TITLE 24, AND THE  
21 OPEN MEETINGS LAW, PART 4 OF ARTICLE 6 OF THIS TITLE 24;

22           (f) SETTING PARAMETERS REGARDING BOARD OR COMMISSION  
23 STAFF'S DUTIES RELATIVE TO THE BOARD OR COMMISSION'S MISSION OR  
24 ROLE;

25           (g) IDENTIFYING AND SECURING SUFFICIENT DATA IN ORDER FOR

- 1 THE BOARD OR COMMISSION TO MAKE INFORMED DECISIONS;
- 2 (h) ENSURING THE APPROPRIATE INVOLVEMENT OF MEMBERS IN
- 3 THE REVIEW OF KEY COMMUNICATIONS AND IN ANY POLICY-MAKING
- 4 ACTIVITIES;
- 5 (i) ENSURING MEMBERS ACT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THEIR ROLES
- 6 AS PUBLIC REPRESENTATIVES;
- 7 (j) COORDINATING WITH OTHERS WHERE RESPONSIBILITIES AND
- 8 INTERESTS OVERLAP; AND
- 9 (k) ANNUALLY REVIEWING MANAGEMENT PRACTICES TO ENSURE
- 10 BEST PRACTICES ARE UTILIZED.

11 (2) EACH STATE AGENCY RESPONSIBLE FOR A STATUTORILY

12 CREATED BOARD OR COMMISSION SHALL ENSURE THAT THE STATE BOARD

13 OR COMMISSION OBTAINS THE ANNUAL TRAINING AND IMPLEMENTS THE

14 WRITTEN POLICIES SPECIFIED IN SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS SECTION.

15 **SECTION 2. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act

16 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the

17 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly (August

18 8, 2018, if adjournment sine die is on May 9, 2018); except that, if a

19 referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the

20 state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act

21 within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take effect

22 unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in

23 November 2018 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the

24 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.