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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING PARENT INVOLVEMENT IN EDUCATION.

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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://www.leg.state.co.us/billsummaries>.)*

The bill amends provisions concerning the membership of the Colorado state advisory council for parent involvement in education (council) appointed by the state board of education as follows:

- ! The council currently includes 5 members who are parents of children enrolled in a publicly funded preschool program, in any of grades one through 12, or in a state-supported institution of higher education. The bill

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.  
*Capital letters indicate new material to be added to existing statute.*  
*Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.*

requires these members to reflect student populations that are significantly represented in the state. Two of these members must be members of a school accountability committee or a school district accountability committee.

! The council currently includes a representative from each of the parent information and resource centers in the state that are recognized by and receiving funding from the office of innovation and improvement in the federal department of education. The bill replaces these members with members who represent each of 2 state-based nonprofit organizations that specialize in promoting the involvement of parents of traditionally underserved populations.

! The council currently includes a representative from each of the parent training and information centers in the state that are recognized by and receiving funding from the office of special education and rehabilitative services in the federal department of education. The bill replaces these members with a single member who represents a nonprofit organization that specializes in promoting the involvement of parents of students with special needs.

! The council currently includes a representative from each of 2 nonprofit organizations that partner with funding providers, state agencies, and service providers to assist organizations in providing services to improve the health and well-being of families and children. The bill eliminates one such member.

! The council currently includes a representative of an organization that represents parents and students who advocate in the areas of equality and justice in education, racial justice for youth, and immigrant rights. The bill eliminates this member.

! The council currently includes a representative of a statewide organization that represents career and technical education teachers. The bill eliminates this member.

The council currently includes two persons appointed by the executive director of the department of higher education. The bill eliminates the requirement that one of these persons shall have expertise in implementing an approved educator preparation program at an institution of higher education in this state. The bill also removes the requirement that one of these persons shall have expertise in the secondary-to-higher-education transition programs operated within the state.

For the purposes of membership of school accountability committees, the bill defines "student populations that are significantly

represented within the school" to mean student populations that each constitute at least ten percent of the total population of students in the school.

For the purposes of membership of school district accountability committees, the bill defines "student populations that are significantly represented within the school district" to mean student populations that each constitute at least ten percent of the total population of students in the school district.

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-7-303, **amend** (2)  
3 (a) (I), (2) (a) (II), (2) (a) (III), (2) (a) (IV), (2) (a) (XI), and (2) (c); and  
4 **repeal** (2) (a) (VI) and (2) (a) (XII) as follows:

5 **22-7-303. Colorado state advisory council for parent**  
6 **involvement in education - created - membership.** (2) The council  
7 shall consist of the following members:

8 (a) The following members appointed by the state board:

9 (I) Five persons who are parents of children enrolled in a publicly  
10 funded preschool program, in any of grades one through twelve, or in a  
11 state-supported institution of higher education, WHO REFLECT STUDENT  
12 POPULATIONS THAT ARE SIGNIFICANTLY REPRESENTED IN THE STATE; AND  
13 TWO OF WHOM ARE MEMBERS OF A SCHOOL ACCOUNTABILITY COMMITTEE  
14 OR A SCHOOL DISTRICT ACCOUNTABILITY COMMITTEE;

15 (II) A representative from each of ~~the parent information and~~  
16 ~~resource centers in the state that are recognized by and receiving funding~~  
17 ~~from the office of innovation and improvement in the federal department~~  
18 ~~of education~~ TWO STATE-BASED NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS THAT  
19 SPECIALIZE IN PROMOTING THE INVOLVEMENT OF PARENTS OF  
20 TRADITIONALLY UNDERSERVED POPULATIONS;

21 (III) A representative from ~~each of the parent training and~~

1 ~~information centers in the state that are recognized by and receiving~~  
2 ~~funding from the office of special education and rehabilitative services in~~  
3 ~~the federal department of education~~ A NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION THAT  
4 SPECIALIZES IN PROMOTING THE INVOLVEMENT OF PARENTS OF STUDENTS  
5 WITH SPECIAL NEEDS;

6 (IV) A representative from ~~each of two~~ A nonprofit organizations  
7 ORGANIZATION that ~~partner~~ PARTNERS with funding providers, state  
8 agencies, and service providers to assist organizations in providing  
9 services to improve the health and well-being of families and children;

10 (VI) ~~A representative of an organization that represents parents~~  
11 ~~and students who advocate in the areas of equality and justice in~~  
12 ~~education, racial justice for youth, and immigrant rights;~~

13 (XI) A representative of a statewide organization that represents  
14 career and college guidance counselors; AND

15 (XII) ~~A representative of a statewide organization that represents~~  
16 ~~career and technical education teachers; and~~

17 (c) Two persons appointed by the executive director of the  
18 department of higher education; as follows: AND

19 (I) ~~One person with expertise in implementing an approved~~  
20 ~~educator preparation program, as defined in section 23-1-121 (1) (a),~~  
21 ~~C.R.S., at an institution of higher education in this state; and~~

22 (H) ~~One person with expertise in the~~  
23 ~~secondary-to-higher-education transition programs operated within the~~  
24 ~~state; and~~

25 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-7-302, **add** (11)  
26 as follows:

27 **22-7-302. Definitions.** As used in this part 3, unless the context

1 otherwise requires:

2 (11) "STUDENT POPULATIONS THAT ARE SIGNIFICANTLY  
3 REPRESENTED IN THE STATE" MEANS STUDENT POPULATIONS THAT EACH  
4 CONSTITUTE AT LEAST TEN PERCENT OF THE TOTAL POPULATION OF  
5 STUDENTS IN THE STATE, WHICH STUDENT POPULATIONS MAY INCLUDE,  
6 BUT NEED NOT BE LIMITED TO, THE STUDENT POPULATIONS DESCRIBED IN  
7 SECTION 22-11-301 (3).

8 **SECTION 3.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-11-103, **add**  
9 (34.3) and (34.5) as follows:

10 **22-11-103. Definitions.** As used in this article, unless the context  
11 otherwise requires:

12 (34.3) "STUDENT POPULATIONS THAT ARE SIGNIFICANTLY  
13 REPRESENTED WITHIN THE SCHOOL" MEANS STUDENT POPULATIONS THAT  
14 EACH CONSTITUTE AT LEAST TEN PERCENT OF THE TOTAL POPULATION OF  
15 STUDENTS IN THE SCHOOL, WHICH STUDENT POPULATIONS MAY INCLUDE,  
16 BUT NEED NOT BE LIMITED TO, THE STUDENT POPULATIONS DESCRIBED IN  
17 SECTION 22-11-301 (3).

18 (34.5) "STUDENT POPULATIONS THAT ARE SIGNIFICANTLY  
19 REPRESENTED WITHIN THE SCHOOL DISTRICT" MEANS STUDENT  
20 POPULATIONS THAT EACH CONSTITUTE AT LEAST TEN PERCENT OF THE  
21 TOTAL POPULATION OF STUDENTS IN THE SCHOOL DISTRICT, WHICH  
22 STUDENT POPULATIONS MAY INCLUDE, BUT NEED NOT BE LIMITED TO, THE  
23 STUDENT POPULATIONS DESCRIBED IN SECTION 22-11-301 (3).

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