

Final Text 2023-2024 #206

Be it Enacted by the People of the State of Colorado:

SECTION 1. In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add 22-1-144** as follows:

22-1-144. Parental rights - legislative declaration - definitions - review school records.

(1) **Declaration.** WE THE VOTERS OF THE STATE OF COLORADO, HEREBY FIND THAT PARENTS HAVE A RIGHT TO REVIEW ANY AND ALL PUBLIC SCHOOL RECORDS.

(2) **Definitions.** AS USED IN THIS SECTION, UNLESS THE CONTEXT OTHERWISE REQUIRES:

(a) “CHILD” MEANS A PERSON LESS THAN EIGHTEEN YEARS OF AGE WHO HAS NOT BEEN EMANCIPATED.

(b) “PARENT” MEANS A NATURAL PARENT, ADOPTIVE PARENT, OR LEGAL GUARDIAN WHO HAS LEGAL CUSTODY OF A CHILD.

(c) “PUBLIC SCHOOL” MEANS ANY PRESCHOOL, PRIMARY, OR SECONDARY SCHOOL THAT RECEIVES STATE OR FEDERAL FUNDS.

(d) “PUBLIC SCHOOL RECORDS” MEANS ANY AND ALL RECORDS RELATED TO THE PARENT’S CHILD AND INSTRUCTIONAL materials the child has access to in a public school library, in a public school curated online resource, in a public school classroom, or any school or student sponsored extracurricular event to which the child has access.

(e) “PUBLIC SCHOOL REPRESENTATIVE” MEANS ANY PUBLIC SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR, TEACHER, NURSE, COUNSELOR, SOCIAL WORKER, OR COACH WHO IS WORKING IN A PUBLIC SCHOOL.

(3) **Parent’s legal right to review their child’s school records.** PARENTS OF A CHILD ENROLLED IN PUBLIC SCHOOL SHALL HAVE THE RIGHT TO REVIEW THEIR CHILD’S PUBLIC SCHOOL RECORDS WITHIN THREE BUSINESS DAYS AFTER SUBMITTING A WRITTEN REQUEST TO THE PUBLIC SCHOOL REPRESENTATIVE.

SECTION 2. Effective date - applicability. This measure shall be effective on and after the date it is declared by proclamation of the governor to have been adopted by the registered electors of the state and shall apply to instances occurring on or after the effective date.