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SENATE BILL 24-064

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101	CONCERNING REQUIRING THE JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT TO MAKE
102	RESIDENTIAL EVICTION-RELATED INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO
103	THE PUBLIC.

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 requires the judicial department to collect, compile, and publish online, on a monthly basis, aggregate residential eviction data for all forcible entry and detainer actions filed in each county in the immediately preceding month. The judicial department shall make individual case level residential eviction data available upon request. The

bill requires the judicial department to publish online in a searchable format, and make available free of charge, every final order issued by Colorado district courts regarding residential eviction actions.

The bill requires the complaint for an eviction action to include the street address and the zip code.

1	Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:
2	SECTION 1. In Colorado Revised Statutes, add 13-40-128 as
3	follows:
4	13-40-128. Monthly residential eviction data - report -
5	definitions. (1) As used in this section, unless the context
6	OTHERWISE REQUIRES:
7	(a) "QUALIFIED ENTITY" MEANS:
8	(I) A PRINCIPAL DEPARTMENT OF THE STATE DESCRIBED IN
9	<u>SECTION 24-1-110;</u>
10	(II) AN ORGANIZATION IN GOOD STANDING WITH THE SECRETARY
11	OF STATE THAT IS EXEMPT FROM TAXATION UNDER SECTION 501(c)(3) OF
12	THE FEDERAL "INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1986", AS AMENDED, THAT
13	HAS A DEMONSTRATED HISTORY OF CREDIBLE HOUSING-RELATED
14	RESEARCH AND PUBLICATIONS; OR
15	(III) AN INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION THAT HAS A
16	DEMONSTRATED HISTORY OF CREDIBLE HOUSING-RELATED RESEARCH AND
17	PUBLICATIONS.
18	(b) "QUALIFIED REQUEST" MEANS A REQUEST FOR COMPILED DATA
19	FROM RESIDENTIAL FORCIBLE ENTRY AND DETAINER ACTIONS THAT IS
20	FILED IN COMPLIANCE WITH DIRECTIVES AND POLICIES GOVERNING THE
21	JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT'S RESPONSE TO REQUESTS FOR COMPILED AND
22	AGGREGATE DATA.
23	(c) "Residential eviction data" means, for each residential

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1	FORCIBLE ENTRY AND DETAINER ACTION FILED PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE
2	40:
3	(I) THE DATE THE COMPLAINT WAS FILED;
4	(II) The return date;
5	(III) THE DATE OF THE SCHEDULED HEARING;
6	(IV) WHETHER THE PLAINTIFF WAS REPRESENTED BY LEGAL
7	COUNSEL;
8	(V) WHETHER THE TENANT WAS REPRESENTED BY LEGAL
9	COUNSEL;
10	(VI) WHETHER THE TENANT FILED AN ANSWER;
11	(VII) ANY OF THE FOLLOWING CASE OUTCOMES:
12	(A) DEFAULT JUDGMENT;
13	(B) JUDGMENT FOR POSSESSION;
14	(C) STIPULATED AGREEMENT;
15	(D) Writ of restitution; or
16	(E) DISMISSAL;
17	(VIII) THE ZIP CODE OF THE PROPERTY AT ISSUE;
18	(IX) WHETHER THE ACTION WAS FILED FOR:
19	(A) Nonpayment of rent or utilities; or
20	(B) OTHER LEASE VIOLATIONS;
21	(X) THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF UNPAID RENT OR UTILITIES AT THE
22	TIME OF FILING, AND ANY LATE FEES THAT THE PLAINTIFF CLAIMS THE
23	TENANT OWES;
24	(XI) WHETHER THE TENANT ELECTED TO PARTICIPATE IN PERSON
25	OR REMOTELY; AND
26	(XII) WHETHER THE PLAINTIFF ELECTED TO PARTICIPATE IN
27	PERSON OR REMOTELY.

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1	(2) (a) Beginning July 1, 2024, <u>Denver county court shall</u>
2	ELECTRONICALLY PROVIDE RESIDENTIAL EVICTION DATA FOR ALL ACTIONS
3	FILED IN DENVER COUNTY TO THE JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT, AND THE
4	JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT SHALL ELECTRONICALLY COLLECT RESIDENTIAL
5	EVICTION DATA FOR ALL ACTIONS FILED IN EACH COUNTY, INCLUDING
6	<u>DATA PROVIDED BY</u> DENVER COUNTY COURT, PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE
7	40.
8	(b) Beginning January 1, 2025, the judicial department
9	SHALL, ON A MONTHLY BASIS, COMPILE AND PUBLISH ONLINE IN A
10	SEARCHABLE FORMAT, AND MAKE AVAILABLE FREE OF CHARGE,
11	AGGREGATE RESIDENTIAL EVICTION DATA FOR ALL ACTIONS FILED IN EACH
12	COUNTY, INCLUDING RESIDENTIAL EVICTION DATA PROVIDED TO THE
13	JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT BY DENVER COUNTY COURT, PURSUANT TO THIS
14	ARTICLE 40 that concluded in the immediately preceding month;
15	EXCEPT THAT ON JANUARY 1, 2025, THE JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT SHALL
16	COMPILE AND PUBLISH ONLINE THE AGGREGATE RESIDENTIAL EVICTION
17	Data for July 1, 2024, through December 31, 2024. The judicial
18	DEPARTMENT SHALL POST THE RESIDENTIAL EVICTION DATA IN A
19	CONSPICUOUS PLACE ON THE JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT'S WEBSITE.
20	(c) (I) AFTER RECEIVING A QUALIFIED REQUEST FROM A QUALIFIED
21	ENTITY, THE JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT SHALL MAKE DATA FROM RESIDENTIAL
22	FORCIBLE ENTRY AND DETAINER ACTIONS ELECTRONICALLY AVAILABLE
23	ON AN INDIVIDUAL CASE LEVEL. A REQUEST FOR INDIVIDUAL CASE LEVEL
24	DATA MUST NOT BE USED FOR THE PURPOSE OF IDENTIFYING INDIVIDUAL
25	PLAINTIFFS OR TENANTS, FOR ANY ACTION AGAINST INDIVIDUAL
26	PLAINTIFFS OR TENANTS, OR TO ADVERTISE OR SELL ANY GOODS OR
27	SERVICES.

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1	(II) A QUALIFYING ENTITY SHALL AGREE TO COMPLY WITH DATA
2	CONFIDENTIALITY AND SUPPRESSION REQUIREMENTS AS DETERMINED BY
3	THE JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT. AT A MINIMUM, THE AGREEMENT MUST
4	ENSURE THAT THE REQUESTING QUALIFIED ENTITY SHALL NOT DISCLOSE
5	ANY PERSONALLY IDENTIFIABLE INFORMATION ABOUT THE PLAINTIFF OR
6	TENANT, NOR MAKE THE DATA PUBLICLY ACCESSIBLE IN ANY WAY THAT
7	WOULD ENABLE A THIRD PARTY TO DISCERN THE IDENTITY OF AN
8	INDIVIDUAL PLAINTIFF OR TENANT.
9	(3) Beginning January 1, 2025, the judicial department
10	SHALL PUBLISH ONLINE IN A SEARCHABLE FORMAT, AND MAKE AVAILABLE
11	FREE OF CHARGE, EVERY FINAL ORDER ISSUED BY COLORADO DISTRICT
12	COURTS IN AN APPEAL FROM COUNTY COURT PURSUANT TO SECTION
13	13-6-310 FOR RESIDENTIAL EVICTION ACTIONS FILED PURSUANT TO THIS
14	ARTICLE 40. THE PLAINTIFF'S AND TENANT'S PERSONALLY IDENTIFYING
15	INFORMATION THAT APPEARS IN THE PUBLISHED FINAL ORDER ON APPEAL
16	MUST BE REDACTED AND THE PLAINTIFF'S AND TENANT'S NAMES MUST BE
17	REPLACED WITH THE PLAINTIFF'S AND TENANT'S INITIALS.
18	(4) BEGINNING JANUARY 2025 AND EACH JANUARY THEREAFTER
19	UNTIL JANUARY 2035, THE JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT SHALL REPORT TO THE
20	HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES JUDICIARY COMMITTEE AND THE SENATE
21	JUDICIARY COMMITTEE, OR THEIR SUCCESSOR COMMITTEES, DURING THE
22	JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT'S "SMART ACT" HEARING PURSUANT TO PART 2
23	OF ARTICLE 7 OF TITLE 2, ON THE COMPILED RESIDENTIAL EVICTION DATA
24	COLLECTED AND PUBLISHED PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION IN THE
25	AGGREGATE FOR THE PREVIOUS CALENDAR YEAR. AT A MINIMUM, THE
26	REPORT MUST INCLUDE THE NUMBER OF REQUESTS FOR INDIVIDUAL CASE
27	LEVEL RESIDENTIAL EVICTION DATA PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (2)(c) OF

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1	THIS SECTION AND THE NAMES OF THE REQUESTING ENTITIES.
2	SECTION 2. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 13-40-110, amend
3	(1)(a) introductory portion as follows:
4	13-40-110. Action - how commenced - report. (1) (a) An action
5	under PURSUANT TO this article 40 is commenced by filing with the court
6	a complaint in writing describing the property with reasonable certainty;
7	THE STREET ADDRESS AND THE ZIP CODE, LISTED SEPARATELY; the grounds
8	for the recovery; thereof, the name of the person in possession or
9	occupancy; a prayer for recovery of possession; and a signed affidavit that
10	states:
11	SECTION 3. Safety clause. The general assembly finds,
12	determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate
13	preservation of the public peace, health, or safety or for appropriations for
14	the support and maintenance of the departments of the state and state
15	institutions.

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