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SENATE BILL 26-068

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**Senate Committees**

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**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

101     **CONCERNING MEASURES TO MODIFY THE ADMINISTRATION OF**  
102     **EDUCATION ASSESSMENTS.**

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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>.)*

The bill requires the department of education to:

- Ensure that standardized summative assessments are administered to students to the minimum extent possible; and
- Apply for a federal waiver for federal assessment requirements, if necessary.

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.

*Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material to be added to existing law.*

*Dashes through the words or numbers indicate deletions from existing law.*

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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 22-7-1020** as  
3 follows:

4           **22-7-1020. Cap administration of standardized summative  
5 assessments - federal waiver - definition.**

6           (1) AS USED IN THIS SECTION, UNLESS THE CONTEXT OTHERWISE  
7 REQUIRES, "SUMMATIVE ASSESSMENT" MEANS AN ASSESSMENT THAT  
8 MEASURES LEARNING ACCUMULATED BY A STUDENT THROUGH A COURSE  
9 OF STUDY OVER A SEMESTER OR MORE AS DEMONSTRATED BY THE  
10 STUDENT'S KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS.

11           (2) TO THE EXTENT PERMITTED BY FEDERAL LAW, THE  
12 DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION SHALL ENSURE THAT STANDARDIZED  
13 SUMMATIVE ASSESSMENTS ARE ADMINISTERED TO THE MINIMUM EXTENT  
14 PRACTICABLE WHILE STILL APPROPRIATELY AND EFFECTIVELY ASSESSING  
15 THE ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT OF STUDENTS.

16           (3) PURSUANT TO 20 U.S.C. SEC. 7861, THE DEPARTMENT OF  
17 EDUCATION SHALL, IF NECESSARY TO ADMINISTER SUMMATIVE  
18 ASSESSMENTS TO THE MINIMUM EXTENT PRACTICABLE AS DESCRIBED IN  
19 SUBSECTION (2) OF THIS SECTION, APPLY TO THE FEDERAL DEPARTMENT OF  
20 EDUCATION FOR A WAIVER OF STATE ASSESSMENT REQUIREMENTS  
21 PURSUANT TO 20 U.S.C. SEC. 6311 WITHIN NINETY DAYS AFTER THE  
22 EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS SECTION. THE APPLICATION MAY BE FOR A  
23 STRATEGIC WAIVER THAT PROPOSES A SHORTENED ASSESSMENT, A  
24 SAMPLING MODEL OF ASSESSMENT, A MATRIX SAMPLING MODEL OF  
25 ASSESSMENT, OR ANY OTHER STRATEGY IDENTIFIED BY THE DEPARTMENT  
26 OF EDUCATION.

1                   **SECTION 2. Safety clause.** The general assembly finds,  
2   determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate  
3   preservation of the public peace, health, or safety or for appropriations for  
4   the support and maintenance of the departments of the state and state  
5   institutions.