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HOUSE BILL 17-1294

HOUSE SPONSORSHIP

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SENATE SPONSORSHIP

(None),

House Committees
Education

Senate Committees

A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING COUNTING A HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT WHO PARTICIPATES
102 IN THE ACCELERATING STUDENTS THROUGH CONCURRENT
103 ENROLLMENT PROGRAM IN THE ENROLLING EDUCATION
104 ENTITY'S HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION RATE IN THE SCHOOL
105 YEAR IN WHICH THE STUDENT COMPLETES THE HIGH SCHOOL
106 GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS.

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 clarifies that a student who participates in the accelerating

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students through concurrent enrollment program, which allows the student to remain enrolled as a high school student while concurrently enrolling in postsecondary courses during the school year immediately following the student's twelfth-grade year, is counted in the enrolling school district's or institute charter school's graduation rate in the year in which the student completes the high school graduation requirements.

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-35-108, **amend**
3 (5) and (6)(b); and **repeal** (6)(a) as follows:

4 **22-35-108. Accelerating students through concurrent**
5 **enrollment program - objectives - selection criteria - rules.** (5) For the
6 purposes of ~~part 6 of article 7 of this title~~ PART 5 OF ARTICLE 11 OF THIS
7 TITLE 22 concerning school accountability reports, the department shall
8 include ASCENT program participants in the reporting requirements,
9 regardless of whether an ASCENT program participant has completed his
10 or her graduation requirements.

11 ~~(6) (a) A qualified student who is designated by the department as~~
12 ~~an ASCENT program participant shall not be considered a high school~~
13 ~~graduate until he or she has completed his or her participation in the~~
14 ~~ASCENT program and any remaining graduation requirements specified~~
15 ~~by his or her high school administration.~~

16 (b) ~~On or before June 1, 2010,~~ FOR PURPOSES OF APPLYING THE
17 PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE 11 OF THIS TITLE 22 CONCERNING SCHOOL
18 ACCOUNTABILITY AND REPORTING GRADUATION RATES, A QUALIFIED
19 STUDENT WHO IS AN ASCENT PROGRAM PARTICIPANT SHALL BE COUNTED
20 IN THE ENROLLING SCHOOL DISTRICT'S OR INSTITUTE CHARTER SCHOOL'S
21 GRADUATION RATE IN THE SCHOOL YEAR IN WHICH THE STUDENT
22 COMPLETES THE SCHOOL DISTRICT'S OR INSTITUTE CHARTER SCHOOL'S

1 MINIMUM HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS. The state board of
2 education shall promulgate rules for schools and school districts to follow
3 in satisfying state and federal reporting requirements concerning the
4 enrollment status of ASCENT program participants. To the extent
5 practicable, the rules ~~shall~~ MUST ensure that schools and school districts
6 are not adversely affected in calculating and reporting the completion of
7 high school graduation requirements by qualified students who have been
8 designated by the department as ASCENT program participants. The
9 rules ~~shall~~ MUST include, at a minimum, reporting requirements relating
10 to:

11 (I) The provisions of article 7 of this ~~title~~ TITLE 22 concerning
12 educational accountability; and

13 (II) The provisions of article 11 of this ~~title~~ TITLE 22 concerning
14 educational accreditation.

15 **SECTION 2. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,
16 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate
17 preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.