

CHAPTER 385

EDUCATION - PUBLIC SCHOOLS

HOUSE BILL 17-1181

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also SENATOR(S) Priola and Todd, Aguilar, Cooke, Donovan, Jones, Kefalas, Kerr, Lambert, Merrifield, Moreno, Zenzinger.

AN ACT

CONCERNING REQUIRING A SINGLE STATEWIDE END-OF-YEAR ASSESSMENT FOR STUDENTS ENROLLED IN NINTH GRADE THAT IS ALIGNED WITH THE TENTH-GRADE STATE ASSESSMENT, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, REDUCING AN APPROPRIATION.

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

SECTION 1. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-7-1006.3, **amend** (1)(a)(I), (2)(a), and (10); **repeal** (1)(b); and **add** (2)(a.5) as follows:

22-7-1006.3. State assessments - administration - rules. (1) (a) Beginning in the 2015-16 school year, the department of education, in collaboration with local education providers, shall administer the state assessments in the instructional areas of English language arts, mathematics, science, and social studies, as adopted by the state board pursuant to section 22-7-1006, as follows:

(I) The department shall administer a state assessment in English language arts and a state assessment in mathematics to all students enrolled in grades three through ~~nine~~ EIGHT in public schools throughout the state.

(b) ~~As soon as practicable after May 20, 2015, the department of education shall apply to the federal department of education for a waiver of federal statutory and regulatory requirements as may be necessary to allow the department to satisfy the federal high school assessment requirements by administering assessments in English language arts and mathematics to students enrolled in ninth grade.~~

Capital letters indicate new material added to existing statutes; dashes through words indicate deletions from existing statutes and such material not part of act.

(2) (a) The department of education shall select and the state shall pay the costs of administering an assessment that is aligned with the state academic standards for students enrolled in ~~tenth~~ NINTH grade and with the assessment selected pursuant to ~~paragraph (b) of this subsection~~ (2) SUBSECTION (2)(a.5) OF THIS SECTION. Every five years, the department shall request competitive bids and contract for the assessment required in this ~~paragraph (a). Each local education provider shall administer the assessment for students enrolled in tenth grade. Each local education provider shall administer the tenth-grade assessment on a schedule that the department annually sets~~ SUBSECTION (2)(a). EACH LOCAL EDUCATION PROVIDER SHALL ADMINISTER THE NINTH-GRADE ASSESSMENT DURING THE SPRING SEMESTER ON A SCHEDULE THAT THE DEPARTMENT ANNUALLY SETS.

(a.5) THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION SHALL SELECT AND THE STATE SHALL PAY THE COSTS OF ADMINISTERING AN ASSESSMENT THAT IS ALIGNED WITH THE STATE ACADEMIC STANDARDS FOR STUDENTS ENROLLED IN TENTH GRADE AND WITH THE ASSESSMENT SELECTED PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (2)(b) OF THIS SECTION. EVERY FIVE YEARS, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL REQUEST COMPETITIVE BIDS AND CONTRACT FOR THE ASSESSMENT REQUIRED IN THIS SUBSECTION (2)(a.5). EACH LOCAL EDUCATION PROVIDER SHALL ADMINISTER THE ASSESSMENT FOR STUDENTS ENROLLED IN TENTH GRADE. EACH LOCAL EDUCATION PROVIDER SHALL ADMINISTER THE TENTH-GRADE ASSESSMENT ON A SCHEDULE THAT THE DEPARTMENT ANNUALLY SETS.

(10) For each fiscal year, the general assembly shall appropriate ~~moneys~~ MONEY in the annual general appropriation act to the department of education to fund administration of the state assessments as described in this section, including administration of the NINTH-GRADE ASSESSMENT, THE tenth-grade assessment, and the curriculum-based, achievement college entrance exam described in subsection (2) of this section.

SECTION 2. Appropriation. To implement this act, the cash funds appropriation made in the annual general appropriation act for the 2017-18 state fiscal year to the department of education for the Colorado student assessment program is decreased by \$642,786. This appropriation is from the state education fund created in section 17 (4)(a) of article IX of the state constitution.

SECTION 3. Safety clause. The general assembly hereby finds, determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.

Approved: June 6, 2017