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SENATE BILL 18-011

SENATE SPONSORSHIP

Holbert and Kerr,

HOUSE SPONSORSHIP

Kraft-Tharp and Lundeen,

Senate Committees

Education  
Appropriations

House Committees

Education

A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING TREATMENT OF STUDENTS WHO ARE EXCUSED BY THEIR  
102 PARENTS FROM PARTICIPATING IN STATE ASSESSMENTS.

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>.)*

Under current law, each school district, board of cooperative services that operates a school, and charter school (local education provider) must adopt a written policy and procedure by which a parent may excuse his or her student from participating in the state assessments. The bill clarifies that the local education provider determines whether notice from the parent must be in writing.

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.  
Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material to be added to existing statute.  
Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.

HOUSE  
2nd Reading Unamended  
April 2, 2018

SENATE  
3rd Reading Unamended  
March 13, 2018

SENATE  
Amended 2nd Reading  
March 8, 2018

Under current law, a local education provider shall not punish a student whose parent excuses him or her from taking a state assessment. The bill clarifies that a local education provider also shall not prohibit the student from participating in an activity or receiving any other form of reward that recognizes participation in the state assessments. If a local education provider does not comply with these restrictions, the department of education must note the failure to comply on the performance report prepared for the local education provider and for the specific public school if the local education provider is a school district or board of cooperative services. If a local education provider fails to comply 3 or more times during a school year, the state board of education must impose a significant penalty, as provided by rule, on the local education provider in calculating the local education provider's accreditation rating for that school year.

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-7-1013, **amend**  
3 (8)(a) and (8)(b); and **add** (8)(d) as follows:

4 **22-7-1013. Local education provider - preschool through**  
5 **elementary and secondary education standards - adoption - academic**  
6 **acceleration.** (8) (a) Each local education provider shall adopt and  
7 implement a written policy and procedure by which a student's parent may  
8 excuse the student from participating in one or more of the state  
9 assessments administered pursuant to section 22-7-1006.3. THE LOCAL  
10 EDUCATION PROVIDER SHALL DETERMINE WHETHER THE PROCESS FOR  
11 EXCUSING A STUDENT REQUIRES A STUDENT'S PARENT TO SUBMIT WRITTEN  
12 NOTICE TO THE LOCAL EDUCATION PROVIDER.

13 (b) If a parent excuses his or her student from participating in a  
14 state assessment, a local education provider shall not impose negative  
15 consequences, including prohibiting school attendance, imposing an  
16 unexcused absence, or prohibiting participation in extracurricular  
17 activities, on the student or on the parent. IF A PARENT EXCUSES HIS OR

1 HER STUDENT FROM PARTICIPATING IN A STATE ASSESSMENT, THE LOCAL  
2 EDUCATION PROVIDER SHALL NOT PROHIBIT THE STUDENT FROM  
3 PARTICIPATING IN AN ACTIVITY, OR RECEIVING ANY OTHER FORM OF  
4 REWARD, THAT THE LOCAL EDUCATION PROVIDER PROVIDES TO STUDENTS  
5 FOR PARTICIPATING IN THE STATE ASSESSMENT.

6 (d) IF THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION OR THE STATE BOARD  
7 RECEIVES A COMPLAINT FROM A PARENT CONCERNING A LOCAL  
8 EDUCATION PROVIDER'S IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS SUBSECTION (8), THE  
9 DEPARTMENT SHALL NOTIFY THE LOCAL EDUCATION PROVIDER OF THE  
10 NATURE OF THE COMPLAINT.

11 **SECTION 2. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act  
12 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the  
13 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly (August  
14 8, 2018, if adjournment sine die is on May 9, 2018); except that, if a  
15 referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the  
16 state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act  
17 within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take effect  
18 unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in  
19 November 2018 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the  
20 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.