A BILL FOR AN ACT

CONCERNING REMOVING THE REQUIREMENT THAT THE SOCIAL
STUDIES ASSESSMENT BE ADMINISTERED IN HIGH SCHOOL.

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 removes the requirement that the state assessment in social studies be administered in high school.

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)(III) 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:

(III) The department shall administer a state assessment in social
studies to students enrolled in public elementary AND middle and high
schools throughout the state. The department shall select the specific
grades in which to administer the state social studies assessment, ensuring
that students take the state social studies assessment once in elementary
school AND once in middle school. and once in high school; except that
the department shall not administer the state social studies assessment to
students enrolled in twelfth grade. The department shall administer the
social studies assessment in a representative sample of public schools
each school year, ensuring that it administers the social studies
assessment in each public school at least once every three years. A school
district, for one or more of the schools of the school district that are not
included in the representative sample, or a charter school that is not
included in the representative sample, may request that the department
administer the assessment in the district school or charter school. The
department shall administer the social studies assessment in the requested
school in the school year following the school year in which it receives
the request.

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