A BILL FOR AN ACT

CONCERNING THE TIMING OF EDUCATION STANDARDS REVIEW.

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 state board of education (state board) to stagger the review and revision of the preschool through elementary and secondary education standards as follows:

1. On or before July 1, 2022, and on or before July 1 every 6 years thereafter, the state board shall review and revise 1/3 of the preschool through elementary and secondary education standards;

2. On or before July 1, 2024, and on or before July 1 every 6 years thereafter.
On or before July 1, 2026, and on or before July 1 every 6 years thereafter, the state board shall review and revise the remaining 1/3 of the preschool through elementary and secondary education standards. The state board shall ensure that all preschool through elementary and secondary education standards are reviewed one time every 6 years.

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

SECTION 1. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-7-1005, amend (6) as follows:

22-7-1005. Preschool through elementary and secondary education - aligned standards - adoption - revisions. (6) (a) On or before July 1, 2018, and on or before July 1 every six years thereafter pursuant to subsection (6)(b) of this section, the state board shall review and adopt any appropriate revisions to the preschool through elementary and secondary education standards specified in this section. In adopting revisions, the state board may add or delete one or more of the specific instructional areas based on the needs of the state and changes in national and international academic expectations. In adopting revisions to the standards pursuant to this subsection (6), the state board shall ensure that the standards continue to meet the requirements specified in subsection (3) of this section. In adopting revisions to the standards related to history and civics, the state board shall take into consideration any recommendations provided by the history, culture, social contributions, and civil government in education commission established in section 22-1-104.3.

(b) (I) The state board shall ensure that all preschool
THROUGH ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION STANDARDS SPECIFIED IN THIS SECTION ARE REVIEWED AT LEAST, BUT NOT MORE THAN, ONCE EVERY SIX YEARS PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (6)(b)(II) OF THIS SECTION.

(II) (A) ON OR BEFORE JULY 1, 2022, AND ON OR BEFORE JULY 1 EVERY SIX YEARS THEREAFTER, THE STATE BOARD SHALL PERFORM THE REQUIREMENTS PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (6)(a) OF THIS SECTION FOR ONE-THIRD OF THE PRESCHOOL THROUGH ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION STANDARDS SPECIFIED IN THIS SECTION.

(B) ON OR BEFORE JULY 1, 2024, AND ON OR BEFORE JULY 1 EVERY SIX YEARS THEREAFTER, THE STATE BOARD SHALL PERFORM THE REQUIREMENTS PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (6)(a) OF THIS SECTION FOR ONE-THIRD OF THE PRESCHOOL THROUGH ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION STANDARDS SPECIFIED IN THIS SECTION.

(C) ON OR BEFORE JULY 1, 2026, AND ON OR BEFORE JULY 1 EVERY SIX YEARS THEREAFTER, THE STATE BOARD SHALL PERFORM THE REQUIREMENTS PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (6)(a) OF THIS SECTION FOR THE REMAINING ONE-THIRD OF THE PRESCHOOL THROUGH ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION STANDARDS SPECIFIED IN THIS SECTION.

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 5, 2020, if adjournment sine die is on May 6, 2020); 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 2020 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.