

## CHAPTER 254

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**EDUCATION - PUBLIC SCHOOLS**


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**HOUSE BILL 20-1407**

BY REPRESENTATIVE(S) Kipp and Baisley, Arndt, Bird, Buckner, Buentello, Caraveo, Carver, Champion, Coleman, Cutter, Duran, Esgar, Froelich, Garnett, Gonzales-Gutierrez, Herod, Jackson, McLachlan, Michaelson Jenet, Pelton, Sandridge, Singer, Sirota, Snyder, Tipper, Titone, Valdez A., Valdez D., Wilson, Woodrow, Young;  
 also SENATOR(S) Story and Zenzinger, Bridges, Danielson, Donovan, Fields, Gonzales, Lee, Moreno, Pettersen, Rankin, Rodriguez, Smallwood, Todd, Winter, Garcia.

**AN ACT**

**CONCERNING TEMPORARILY ALLOWING A COLORADO INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION TO DETERMINE WHETHER TO REQUIRE A NATIONAL ASSESSMENT TEST SCORE AS AN ELIGIBILITY CRITERION FOR ADMISSION FOR FIRST-TIME FRESHMAN STUDENTS WHO GRADUATE FROM HIGH SCHOOL IN 2021.**

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

**SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 23-1-113, **amend** (1)(b) as follows:

**23-1-113. Commission directive - admission standards for baccalaureate and graduate institutions of higher education - policy - report - definitions.**  
 (1) (b) (I) The standards established for first-time admitted freshman students ~~shall~~ **MUST** use a combination of high school academic performance indicators and national assessment test scores for eligibility criteria. The academic performance indicators may include, but are not limited to, grade point average, class rank, and content standard performance level assessments. The criteria established and the specified performance levels ~~shall~~ **MUST** be consistent with the role and mission established for each state-supported institution of higher education. In considering the high school academic performance indicators, the commission and the governing boards may take into account the rigor of a student's high school academic preparation and the academic content of the courses taken. In lieu of the established statewide criteria, each governing board may use additional criteria for up to twenty percent of the freshmen students annually admitted to each institution under the governing board's control. Students who meet the minimum criteria for admission are not guaranteed admission to the institution to which they have applied, but they are eligible for consideration.

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*Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material added to existing law; dashes through words or numbers indicate deletions from existing law and such material is not part of the act.*

(II) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY LAW TO THE CONTRARY, THE GOVERNING BOARD OF A STATE-SUPPORTED INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION MAY, BUT IS NOT REQUIRED TO, REQUIRE A NATIONAL ASSESSMENT TEST SCORE AS AN ELIGIBILITY CRITERION OF ACADEMIC ADMISSION STANDARDS FOR FIRST-TIME FRESHMAN STUDENTS WHO GRADUATE FROM HIGH SCHOOL IN 2021.

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

Approved: July 8, 2020