

## CHAPTER 284

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**EDUCATION - PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

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**HOUSE BILL 20-1135**

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also SENATOR(S) Todd and Lundeen, Bridges, Crowder, Danielson, Fields, Foote, Gardner, Ginal, Gonzales, Hill, Hisey, Holbert, Marble, Pettersen, Priola, Rankin, Rodriguez, Scott, Smallwood, Sonnenberg, Story, Tate, Winter, Woodward, Zenzinger, Garcia.

**AN ACT**

**CONCERNING REMOVING THE REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO ADMINISTER A STATE ASSESSMENT IN SOCIAL STUDIES TO HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS, 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)(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 REQUIRED BY THIS SUBSECTION (1)(a)(III) in a representative sample of public schools each school year, ensuring that it

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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. Appropriation - adjustments to 2020 long bill.** To implement this act, the cash funds appropriation from the state education fund created in section 17 (4)(a) of article IX of the state constitution, made in the annual general appropriation act for the 2020-21 state fiscal year to the department of education for the statewide assessment program is decreased by \$667,680.

**SECTION 3. 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.

Approved: July 13, 2020