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SENATE BILL 23-061

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Senate Committees

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING ELIMINATING THE REQUIREMENT THAT THE**
102 **DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION ADMINISTER A STATE ASSESSMENT**
103 **IN SOCIAL STUDIES.**

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 eliminates the requirement that the department of education administer a state assessment in social studies to elementary and secondary students.

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

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

2 **SECTION 1. Legislative declaration.** The general assembly
3 declares that eliminating the requirement that the Colorado department of
4 education administer a state assessment in social studies neither
5 eliminates education standards for instructional areas related to social
6 studies nor eliminates the value or significance of social studies.

7 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-7-1006.3, **amend**
8 (1)(a) introductory portion; and **repeal** (1)(a)(III) as follows:

9 **22-7-1006.3. State assessments - administration - rules.**

10 (1) (a) Beginning in the 2015-16 school year, the department of
11 education, in collaboration with local education providers, shall
12 administer the state assessments in the instructional areas of English
13 language arts, mathematics, AND science, ~~and social studies~~, as adopted
14 by the state board pursuant to section 22-7-1006, as follows:

15 (III) ~~The department shall administer a state assessment in social~~
16 ~~studies to students enrolled in public elementary and middle schools~~
17 ~~throughout the state. The department shall select the specific grades in~~
18 ~~which to administer the state social studies assessment, ensuring that~~
19 ~~students take the state social studies assessment once in elementary~~
20 ~~school and once in middle school. The department shall administer the~~
21 ~~social studies assessment required by this subsection (1)(a)(III) in a~~
22 ~~representative sample of public schools each school year, ensuring that it~~
23 ~~administers the social studies assessment in each public school at least~~
24 ~~once every three years. A school district, for one or more of the schools~~
25 ~~of the school district that are not included in the representative sample, or~~
26 ~~a charter school that is not included in the representative sample, may~~
27 ~~request that the department administer the assessment in the district~~

1 ~~school or charter school. The department shall administer the social~~
2 ~~studies assessment in the requested school in the school year following~~
3 ~~the school year in which it receives the request.~~

4 **SECTION 3.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-95.5-203, **amend**
5 (2)(a)(I)(C) as follows:

6 **22-95.5-203. Eligibility - application - use of grant money -**
7 **report.** (2) (a) A local education provider is eligible for the grant
8 program if the local education provider automatically enrolls each student
9 entering the ninth grade or higher in an advanced course based on any of
10 the following criteria:

11 (I) The student achieved a score that is equivalent to, or exceeds,
12 demonstrating proficiency on the state assessment that was administered
13 pursuant to section 22-7-1006.3 for the preceding academic year, referred
14 to in this section as an "eligible score", as follows:

15 (C) Students who achieve an eligible score in a subject related to
16 science ~~or social studies~~ must be automatically enrolled in advanced
17 courses in science; ~~or social studies~~; or

18 **SECTION 4. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act
19 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the
20 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly; except
21 that, if a referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V
22 of the state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this
23 act within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take
24 effect unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in
25 November 2024 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the
26 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.