

CHAPTER 149

EDUCATION - PUBLIC SCHOOLS

HOUSE BILL 04-1217

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AN ACT

CONCERNING CHANGES TO THE SCHOOL ACCOUNTABILITY REPORT TO INCLUDE A PAGE THAT SPECIFIES CERTAIN INFORMATION A PARENT MAY REQUEST FROM A SCHOOL.

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

SECTION 1. 22-7-605 (8), Colorado Revised Statutes, is REPEALED AND REENACTED, WITH AMENDMENTS, to read:

22-7-605. School accountability reports - format. (8) Parental questions.

(a) THE ACCOUNTABILITY REPORT SHALL CONTAIN A PAGE CLEARLY MARKED IN LARGE FONT AS THE "QUESTIONS PARENTS SHOULD ASK" PAGE. BELOW THE TITLE "QUESTIONS PARENTS SHOULD ASK" SHALL APPEAR THE WORDS "BASED UPON YOUR CHILD'S SCHOOL'S OVERALL ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE RATING OF [INSERT THE APPLICABLE RATING] AND ITS ACADEMIC IMPROVEMENT RATING OF [INSERT THE APPLICABLE RATING], HERE ARE SOME QUESTIONS YOU MAY WANT TO ASK YOUR SCHOOL ABOUT STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT:".

(b) (I) DIRECTLY BELOW THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN PARAGRAPH (a) OF THIS SUBSECTION (8) SHALL APPEAR, IN BOLD TYPE, A SERIES OF FOUR TO SIX QUESTIONS, DEVELOPED BY THE DEPARTMENT PURSUANT TO SUBPARAGRAPH (II) OF THIS PARAGRAPH (b), DESIGNED TO ELICIT INFORMATION CONCERNING THE ACTIONS A SCHOOL IS TAKING TO IMPROVE ITS STUDENTS' ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE. FOLLOWING EACH QUESTION SHALL BE A STATEMENT CONTAINING ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONCERNING OPTIONS THAT MAY BE AVAILABLE TO THE SCHOOL. THE QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS REQUIRED BY THIS SUBPARAGRAPH (I) FOR EACH SCHOOL SHALL BE DEPENDENT UPON THE RATINGS RECEIVED BY THE SCHOOL PURSUANT TO SECTION 22-7-604.

(II) WITHIN FORTY-FIVE DAYS AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF HOUSE BILL

Capital letters indicate new material added to existing statutes; dashes through words indicate deletions from existing statutes and such material not part of act.

04-1217, ON OR BEFORE APRIL 1, 2005, AND ON OR BEFORE EACH APRIL 1 THEREAFTER, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL, IN COLLABORATION WITH APPROPRIATE STATEWIDE STAKEHOLDERS, ANNUALLY DEVELOP THE QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS REQUIRED BY SUBPARAGRAPH (I) OF THIS PARAGRAPH (b) AND SHALL PROVIDE COPIES OF THE QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS TO THE GOVERNOR AND TO THE MEMBERS OF THE EDUCATION COMMITTEES OF THE SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES. IF THE DEPARTMENT CHANGES ANY OF THE QUESTIONS OR STATEMENTS AFTER DELIVERY PURSUANT TO THIS SUBPARAGRAPH (II), PRIOR TO THE RELEASE OF THE NEXT REPORT DEVELOPED PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION FOLLOWING ADOPTION OF THE CHANGE, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL DELIVER COPIES OF THE NEW QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS TO THE GOVERNOR AND TO THE MEMBERS OF THE EDUCATION COMMITTEES OF THE SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

(c) (I) BELOW THE QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS REQUIRED BY SUBPARAGRAPH (I) OF PARAGRAPH (b) OF THIS SUBSECTION (8), SHALL APPEAR IN BOLD TYPE THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT: "BASED UPON THIS SCHOOL'S ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE, YOUR CHILD MAY BE ELIGIBLE FOR ONE OR MORE OF THE FOLLOWING. ASK YOUR SCHOOL IF YOUR CHILD QUALIFIES FOR:".

(II) (A) FOLLOWING THE STATEMENT REQUIRED BY SUBPARAGRAPH (I) OF THIS PARAGRAPH (c) SHALL APPEAR A LIST OF SERVICES OR PROGRAMS, DEVELOPED BY THE DEPARTMENT PURSUANT TO SUB-SUBPARAGRAPH (B) OF THIS SUBPARAGRAPH (II), THAT MAY BE AVAILABLE TO A STUDENT AT THE SCHOOL BASED UPON THE SCHOOL'S ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE OR ARE AVAILABLE THROUGH OTHER STATE OR FEDERAL PROGRAMS. THE LIST OF SERVICES OR PROGRAMS REQUIRED BY THIS SUB-SUBPARAGRAPH (A) FOR EACH SCHOOL SHALL BE DEPENDENT UPON THE RATINGS RECEIVED BY THE SCHOOL PURSUANT TO SECTION 22-7-604.

(B) WITHIN FORTY-FIVE DAYS AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF HOUSE BILL 04-1217, ON OR BEFORE APRIL 1, 2005, AND ON OR BEFORE EACH APRIL 1 THEREAFTER, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL, IN COLLABORATION WITH APPROPRIATE STATEWIDE STAKEHOLDERS, ANNUALLY DEVELOP THE LISTS OF SERVICES OR PROGRAMS REQUIRED BY SUB-SUBPARAGRAPH (A) OF THIS SUBPARAGRAPH (II), AND SHALL PROVIDE COPIES OF THE LISTS TO THE GOVERNOR AND TO THE MEMBERS OF THE EDUCATION COMMITTEES OF THE SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES. IF THE DEPARTMENT CHANGES ANY OF THE SERVICES OR PROGRAMS ON THE LISTS AFTER DELIVERY PURSUANT TO THIS SUBPARAGRAPH (II), PRIOR TO THE RELEASE OF THE NEXT REPORT DEVELOPED PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION FOLLOWING ADOPTION OF THE CHANGE, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL DELIVER COPIES OF THE NEW LISTS OF SERVICES OR PROGRAMS TO THE GOVERNOR AND TO THE MEMBERS OF THE EDUCATION COMMITTEES OF THE SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

(d) IF THE PUBLIC SCHOOL MAINTAINS A WEB SITE ON THE INTERNET, FOLLOWING THE LISTS DEVELOPED PURSUANT TO PARAGRAPH (c) OF THIS SUBSECTION (8), AT THE BOTTOM OF THE PAGE SHALL APPEAR THE STATEMENT "FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT [NAME OF PUBLIC SCHOOL], VISIT [WEB SITE ADDRESS FOR THE PUBLIC SCHOOL]."

SECTION 2. 22-7-605 (3) (b) (II) (B), Colorado Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

22-7-605. School accountability reports - format. (3) (b) Each accountability report shall be printed double-sided on paper eleven inches by seventeen inches. The two sides shall contain the following:

(II) The other side of the paper shall contain the following three divisions from left to right:

(B) ~~"School History"~~ "QUESTIONS PARENTS SHOULD ASK", as described in subsection (8) of this section; and

SECTION 3. Effective date - applicability. This act shall take effect upon passage and shall apply to school accountability reports prepared on or after said date.

SECTION 4. Safety clause. The general assembly hereby finds, determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.

Approved: April 13, 2004