

CHAPTER 100

EDUCATION - PUBLIC SCHOOLS

SENATE BILL 25-222

BY SENATOR(S) Bridges and Amabile, Kirkmeyer;
also REPRESENTATIVE(S) Sirota and Taggart, Bird, Phillips.

AN ACT

CONCERNING REPEALING PROFICIENCY TESTS ADMINISTERED BY SCHOOL DISTRICTS, 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, **repeal** 22-32-109.5.

SECTION 2. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-2-112, **amend** (4)(a) as follows:

22-2-112. Commissioner - duties - report - legislative declaration. (4) (a) The commissioner shall ensure that the department, subject to available appropriations, annually allocates money to ~~school districts~~, district charter schools and institute charter schools to reimburse them for the costs of administering developmental education placement or assessment tests pursuant to ~~sections 22-32-109.5, SECTIONS 22-30.5-117 and 22-30.5-526 respectively~~, to students enrolled in grades nine through twelve. The department shall allocate money to offset the costs incurred in administering each of the test units only once per student while the student is enrolled in grades nine through twelve.

SECTION 3. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-2-136, **amend** (2)(a)(III) as follows:

22-2-136. Additional duty - state board - individual career and academic plans - standards - rules. (2) In establishing the standards for individual career and academic plans, the state board shall ensure, at a minimum, that:

(a) Each individual career and academic plan includes a career planning and guidance component and a portfolio that reflects, at a minimum:

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.

(III) For ~~school districts and~~ DISTRICT charter schools AND INSTITUTE CHARTER SCHOOLS that choose to administer the developmental education placement or assessment tests, the student's scores on the developmental education placement or assessment tests administered pursuant to section 22-30.5-117 OR 22-30.5-526, ~~or 22-32-109.5 (4)~~; any intervention plan created for the student pursuant to those sections, and the student's progress in meeting the intervention plan;

SECTION 4. Appropriation - adjustments to 2025 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 2025-26 state fiscal year to the department of education for use by career pathways for basic skills placement or assessment tests is decreased by \$50,000.

SECTION 5. Safety clause. The general assembly finds, determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety or for appropriations for the support and maintenance of the departments of the state and state institutions.

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