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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING THE CONSIDERATION OF METHODS FOR SELECTING
102 STATE ASSESSMENT ALTERNATIVES.

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://www.leg.state.co.us/billsummaries>.)

The bill directs the department of education (department) to investigate methods for and costs of creating or selecting state assessments in the subjects of mathematics, English language arts, science, and social studies, including the methods and costs to allow local education providers to create or select assessments in these subjects and to enable the state to use the locally selected assessments as part of the

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.
Capital letters indicate new material to be added to existing statute.
Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.

state accountability system. The department must report the results of its investigation to the state board of education and to the education committees of the general assembly.

The bill requires the department to apply to the federal department of education for innovative assessment and accountability demonstration authority.

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add 22-7-1006.1** as
3 follows:

4 **22-7-1006.1. Assessment selection - department of education**
5 **- study - repeal.** (1) THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION SHALL
6 INVESTIGATE AND REVIEW THE OPTIONS AVAILABLE TO THE STATE FOR
7 SELECTING THE STATE ASSESSMENTS IN MATHEMATICS, ENGLISH
8 LANGUAGE ARTS, SCIENCE, AND SOCIAL STUDIES, INCLUDING OPTIONS FOR
9 ALLOWING LOCAL EDUCATION PROVIDERS TO SELECT AND ADMINISTER
10 THEIR OWN ASSESSMENTS IN THESE SUBJECTS FOR USE IN THE STATE
11 ACCOUNTABILITY SYSTEM. THE DEPARTMENT, AT A MINIMUM, SHALL
12 CONSIDER:

13 (a) RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO THE STATE TO USE IN DESIGNING,
14 CREATING, OR SELECTING STATE ASSESSMENTS IN THE SPECIFIED SUBJECTS
15 AND THE APPROXIMATE, ANTICIPATED COSTS TO THE STATE OF SELECTING
16 THE STATE ASSESSMENTS;

17 (b) METHODS BY WHICH LOCAL EDUCATION PROVIDERS, SOLELY
18 OR IN GROUPS, MAY CREATE OR SELECT AND ADMINISTER ASSESSMENTS IN
19 THE SPECIFIED SUBJECTS AND THE APPROXIMATE, ANTICIPATED COSTS TO
20 LOCAL EDUCATION PROVIDERS OF CREATING OR SELECTING THE
21 ASSESSMENTS;

22 (c) THE METHOD BY WHICH THE DEPARTMENT WOULD DETERMINE

1 THE QUALITY OF ANY ASSESSMENTS SELECTED BY LOCAL EDUCATION
2 PROVIDERS AND WOULD COMPARE AND NORM-REFERENCE STUDENTS'
3 SCORES ON THE ASSESSMENTS SELECTED BY LOCAL EDUCATION PROVIDERS
4 SO THAT THE ASSESSMENTS WOULD BE SUITABLE FOR THE STATE
5 ACCOUNTABILITY SYSTEM, AND THE COST OF THE COMPARISON AND
6 NORM-REFERENCING; AND

7 (d) METHODS USED BY OTHER STATES IN SELECTING THE STATE
8 ASSESSMENTS AND IN PROVIDING GREATER FLEXIBILITY TO THE SCHOOL
9 DISTRICTS WITHIN THE STATES IN SELECTING ASSESSMENTS FOR USE IN THE
10 STATE ACCOUNTABILITY SYSTEMS, THE STATE AND LOCAL ASSESSMENTS
11 SELECTED, THE COSTS INCURRED BY THE OTHER STATES IN SELECTING THE
12 STATE ASSESSMENTS AND PROVIDING FLEXIBILITY TO SCHOOL DISTRICTS,
13 AND THE APPROXIMATE, ANTICIPATED COSTS TO COLORADO OF
14 IMPLEMENTING THE METHODS USED IN OTHER STATES.

15 (2) THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION SHALL REPORT THE RESULTS
16 OF THE STUDY DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS SECTION TO THE
17 STATE BOARD AND TO THE JOINT EDUCATION COMMITTEES AS PART OF THE
18 PRESENTATION REQUIRED BY SECTION 2-7-203, C.R.S., IN 2016.

19 (3) THIS SECTION IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017.

20 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-7-1006.3, **add**
21 (2.5) as follows:

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

23 (2.5) AS SOON AS PRACTICABLE AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS
24 SUBSECTION (2.5), THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION SHALL APPLY TO THE
25 FEDERAL DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION FOR INNOVATIVE ASSESSMENT AND
26 ACCOUNTABILITY DEMONSTRATION AUTHORITY AS AUTHORIZED IN
27 SECTION 1201 OF TITLE I OF PART B OF THE FEDERAL "EVERY STUDENT

1 SUCCEEDS ACT", PUB. L. 114-95, ENACTED BY THE 114TH CONGRESS. THE
2 COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION SHALL NOTIFY THE CHAIRS OF THE
3 EDUCATION COMMITTEES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND THE
4 SENATE, OR ANY SUCCESSOR COMMITTEES, WHEN THE DEPARTMENT
5 SUBMITS THE APPLICATION AND WHEN THE DEPARTMENT RECEIVES THE
6 RESPONSE FROM THE FEDERAL DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION GRANTING OR
7 DENYING THE STATE DEMONSTRATION AUTHORITY.

8 **SECTION 3. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,
9 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate
10 preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.