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HOUSE BILL 16-1446

HOUSE SPONSORSHIP

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SENATE SPONSORSHIP

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House Committees
Education

Senate Committees

A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING AUTHORIZING A LOCAL EDUCATION PROVIDER TO**
102 **DETERMINE THE LANGUAGE IN WHICH A STUDENT WHO IS AN**
103 **ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNER TAKES READING ASSESSMENTS IN**
104 **KINDERGARTEN THROUGH THIRD GRADE.**

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 specifies that, if a student enrolled in kindergarten or one of grades one through 3 is an English language learner and his or her native language is Spanish, the school district or charter school in which

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.

the student is enrolled will decide whether the student takes the reading assessments in English or Spanish. If the student takes the assessments in Spanish, the school district or charter school may also administer the assessments in English if requested by the student's parent.

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-7-1205, **add** (1)
3 (a.7) as follows:

4 **22-7-1205. Reading competency - assessments - READ plan**
5 **creation - parental involvement.** (1) (a.7) THE LOCAL EDUCATION
6 PROVIDER SHALL DETERMINE WHETHER A STUDENT WHO IS AN ENGLISH
7 LANGUAGE LEARNER, AS DEFINED IN SECTION 22-24-103, AND WHOSE
8 NATIVE LANGUAGE IS SPANISH, TAKES THE READING ASSESSMENTS IN
9 ENGLISH OR IN SPANISH. IF THE STUDENT TAKES THE READING
10 ASSESSMENTS IN SPANISH, THE LOCAL EDUCATION PROVIDER MAY ALSO
11 ADMINISTER A READING ASSESSMENT IN ENGLISH TO THE STUDENT AT THE
12 REQUEST OF THE STUDENT'S PARENT. IF THE STATE BOARD ADOPTS A LIST
13 OF APPROVED READING ASSESSMENTS PURSUANT TO SECTION 22-7-1209
14 THAT INCLUDE ASSESSMENTS IN LANGUAGES OTHER THAN ENGLISH OR
15 SPANISH, THE LOCAL EDUCATION PROVIDER SHALL DETERMINE WHETHER
16 A STUDENT WHO IS AN ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNER AND WHOSE NATIVE
17 LANGUAGE IS NOT SPANISH TAKES THE READING ASSESSMENTS IN ENGLISH
18 OR IN THE STUDENT'S NATIVE LANGUAGE IF THERE IS AN APPROVED
19 READING ASSESSMENT IN THE STUDENT'S NATIVE LANGUAGE. IF THE
20 STUDENT TAKES THE READING ASSESSMENTS IN THE STUDENT'S NATIVE
21 LANGUAGE, THE LOCAL EDUCATION PROVIDER MAY ALSO ADMINISTER A
22 READING ASSESSMENT IN ENGLISH TO THE STUDENT AT THE REQUEST OF
23 THE STUDENT'S PARENT.

1 **SECTION 2. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,
2 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate
3 preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.