

CHAPTER 105

EDUCATION - PUBLIC SCHOOLS

SENATE BILL 94-162

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also REPRESENTATIVES Romero, Armstrong, DeGette, Knox, Pierson, and Rupert.

AN ACT

CONCERNING THE DEVELOPMENT OF A DATA COLLECTING SYSTEM WHICH RESULTS IN THE REPORTING OF THOSE PERSONS WHO COMPLETE HIGH SCHOOL LATER IN LIFE.

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

SECTION 1. 22-2-114.1, Colorado Revised Statutes, 1988 Repl. Vol., as amended, is amended to read:

22-2-114.1. Dropout rates - collection of data on grades seven through twelve and development of plans. (1) The general assembly hereby declares that the dropout rate indicates a waste of economic and human potential. Therefore a correct assessment of ~~numbers lost to the education system~~ **THE NUMBER OF STUDENTS WHO FAIL TO COMPLETE HIGH SCHOOL IN THE TYPICAL LENGTH OF TIME AND THE NUMBER OF STUDENTS WHO COMPLETE HIGH SCHOOL LATER IN LIFE** is necessary in order to fully recognize and correct the problem.

(2) The state board of education shall develop and implement in cooperation with local boards of education a model student accounting method and data collection system on dropouts in grades seven through twelve, with results to be reported to the general assembly by January 1, 1988.

(2.5) **THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION SHALL DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT, IN COOPERATION WITH THE LOCAL BOARDS OF EDUCATION, A MODEL STUDENT ACCOUNTING METHOD AND DATA COLLECTION SYSTEM WHICH RESULTS IN THE REPORTING OF THOSE PERSONS WHO COMPLETE HIGH SCHOOL WHEN TWENTY-ONE YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER.**

(3) (a) For the purposes of this section, a "dropout" means a person who leaves

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school for any reason, except expulsion or death, before completion of a high school diploma or its equivalent and who does not transfer to another public or private school or enroll in an approved home study program.

(b) The state board shall also collect data on the students who have dropped out of a regular course of study but who are enrolled and pursuing an alternative program of study.

SECTION 2. 22-2-114.1, Colorado Revised Statutes, 1988 Repl. Vol., as amended, is amended BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SUBSECTION to read:

22-2-114.1. Dropout rates - collection of data on grades seven through twelve and development of plans. (2.7) EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1998, THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION SHALL INTEGRATE THE SYSTEM DEVELOPED PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (2.5) OF THIS SECTION WITH THE STATEWIDE FINANCIAL, STUDENT MANAGEMENT, AND HUMAN RESOURCE ELECTRONIC DATA COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTING SYSTEM DEVELOPED PURSUANT TO SECTION 22-44-105 (4).

SECTION 3. Effective date. This act shall take effect July 1, 1994; except that section 2 of this act shall only take effect upon passage of House Bill 94-1213 during the Second Regular Session of the Fifty-ninth General Assembly.

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, 1994