

CHAPTER 100

EDUCATION - PUBLIC SCHOOLS

SENATE BILL 99-068

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AN ACT

CONCERNING AUTHORITY OF A SCHOOL DISTRICT TO IMPOSE SANCTIONS ON STUDENTS FOR FAILURE TO RETURN TEXTBOOKS.

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

SECTION 1. 22-32-110 (1), Colorado Revised Statutes, is amended BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW PARAGRAPH to read:

22-32-110. Board of education - specific powers. (1) In addition to any other power granted to a board of education of a school district by law, each board of education of a school district shall have the following specific powers, to be exercised in its judgment:

(jj) TO REQUIRE THE REPLACEMENT OF DAMAGED TEXTBOOKS OR THE RETURN OF LOANED TEXTBOOKS BY WITHHOLDING THE DIPLOMA, TRANSCRIPT, OR GRADES OF ANY STUDENT WHO FAILS TO RETURN OR REPLACE ANY SUCH TEXTBOOKS AT THE COMPLETION OF ANY SEMESTER OR SCHOOL YEAR. THE SCHOOL DISTRICT SHALL MAKE A REASONABLE EFFORT TO OBTAIN PAYMENT FOR LOST OR DAMAGED TEXTBOOKS. IF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT DETERMINES THAT A STUDENT IS UNABLE TO PAY, THE SCHOOL DISTRICT MAY OBTAIN PAYMENT THROUGH OTHER METHODS, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO PAYMENT PLANS OR SERVICE WITHIN THE SCHOOL IN WHICH THE STUDENT IS ENROLLED. THE SCHOOL DISTRICT MAY ALSO REFUSE TO ALLOW ANY STUDENT WHO COMPLETES GRADUATION OR CONTINUATION REQUIREMENTS TO PARTICIPATE IN ANY GRADUATION OR CONTINUATION CEREMONY IF THE STUDENT HAS FAILED TO RETURN OR REPLACE ANY SUCH TEXTBOOKS PRIOR TO THE DATE OF THE GRADUATION OR CONTINUATION CEREMONY.

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

SECTION 2. 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.

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