

## CHAPTER 79

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**EDUCATION - PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

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**HOUSE BILL 01-1222**

BY REPRESENTATIVE(S) Hefley, King, Spence, Cadman, Coleman, Decker, Hodge, Mace, Marshall, and Williams S.;  
also SENATOR(S) Anderson, Tupa, and Windels.

**AN ACT**

CONCERNING THE REPLACEMENT OF INFORMATION ON STUDENT DROP OUT RATES WITH INFORMATION  
ON SCHOOL ATTENDANCE RATES IN REPORTS FOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS.

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

**SECTION 1.** The introductory portion to 22-7-605 (5) (c) (I) and 22-7-605 (5) (c) (III), Colorado Revised Statutes, are amended, and the said 22-7-605 (5) (c) is further amended BY THE ADDITION OF THE FOLLOWING NEW SUBPARAGRAPHS, to read:

**22-7-605. School report cards - format. (5) Safety and school environment.** The report card shall contain a page clearly marked as the "Safety and School Environment" page containing the following:

(c) **Student attendance and time spent in classroom.** The "Safety and School Environment" page shall contain the subtitle, "Student Attendance and Time Spent in Classroom". Immediately underneath this subtitle shall appear a table with two columns and a graph as follows:

(I) FOR REPORT CARDS FOR MIDDLE, JUNIOR HIGH, AND HIGH SCHOOLS, the first column shall contain the school year on which the information in the report card is based and the following six lines:

(I.5) FOR REPORT CARDS FOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS, THE FIRST COLUMN SHALL CONTAIN THE SCHOOL YEAR ON WHICH THE INFORMATION IN THE REPORT CARD IS BASED AND THE FOLLOWING FIVE LINES:

(A) "LENGTH OF SCHOOL YEAR";

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

(B) "ENROLLMENT";

(C) "AVERAGE DAILY ATTENDANCE";

(D) "STUDENTS PER TOTAL STAFF"; AND

(E) "ANNUAL NUMBER OF TEACHER DAYS SCHEDULED WITHOUT STUDENT CONTACT".

(III) FOR REPORT CARDS FOR MIDDLE, JUNIOR HIGH, AND HIGH SCHOOLS, immediately to the right of the table described in subparagraph (I) of this paragraph (c), shall be a graph titled "Dropout Rate". The graph shall have two bars, one for the previous academic year and one for the academic year on which the report card is based. The bars shall be labeled with the yearly dates. The graph shall show the student dropout rate for said two years.

(IV) FOR REPORT CARDS FOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS, IMMEDIATELY TO THE RIGHT OF THE TABLE DESCRIBED IN SUBPARAGRAPH (I.5) OF THIS PARAGRAPH (c), SHALL BE A GRAPH TITLED "AVERAGE DAILY ATTENDANCE". THE GRAPH SHALL HAVE TWO BARS, ONE FOR THE PREVIOUS ACADEMIC YEAR AND ONE FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR ON WHICH THE REPORT CARD IS BASED. THE BARS SHALL BE LABELED WITH THE YEARLY DATES. THE GRAPH SHALL SHOW THE AVERAGE DAILY ATTENDANCE FOR SAID TWO YEARS.

**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.

Approved: March 28, 2001