

CHAPTER 133

EDUCATION - PUBLIC SCHOOLS

SENATE BILL 03-117

BY SENATOR(S) Cairns;
also REPRESENTATIVE(S) Spence.

AN ACT

CONCERNING THE SCHEDULE BY WHICH THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION RELEASES SCHOOL ACCOUNTABILITY REPORTS.

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

SECTION 1. 22-7-606 (1) (a) and (3) (b), Colorado Revised Statutes, are amended to read:

22-7-606. School accountability reports - delivery website - repeal.

(1) (a) The department shall deliver each public school's annual accountability report to the public school by September 15, 2001, by November 15, 2002, ~~and by November 15 each year thereafter~~ DECEMBER 15, 2003, AND BY DECEMBER 15 EACH YEAR THEREAFTER. The department shall print and provide to the public school copies of the accountability reports in the amount of: Total pupil enrollment at last annual count, plus the total number of teachers as listed on the school accountability report, plus an additional twenty-five percent.

(3) (b) Each year, upon completing the preparation of the school accountability reports, ~~and transmitting such reports for printing,~~ the department shall update the website to include each school accountability report prepared by the department and shall maintain at the website an archive accessible by internet users of the three previous years' school accountability reports. The website shall allow users to easily compare schools' overall academic performance ratings as determined pursuant to section 22-7-604. Such comparison shall be facilitated by search tools that allow a user, at a minimum, to find schools within different geographic ranges of another school and to find schools within different geographic areas and zip codes.

SECTION 2. Effective date. This act shall take effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the ninety-day period after final adjournment of the

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general assembly that is allowed for submitting a referendum petition pursuant to article V, section 1 (3) of the state constitution; except that, if a referendum petition is filed against this act or an item, section, or part of this act within such period, then the act, item, section, or part, if approved by the people, shall take effect on the date of the official declaration of the vote thereon by proclamation of the governor.

Approved: April 17, 2003