

CHAPTER 65

EDUCATION - PUBLIC SCHOOLS

SENATE BILL 03-137

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AN ACT

CONCERNING MODIFICATIONS TO DEADLINES INVOLVING THE CONVERSION OF UNSATISFACTORY SCHOOLS.

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

SECTION 1. 22-7-409 (1.2) (a) (I), Colorado Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

22-7-409. Assessments - repeal. (1.2) (a) (I) The assessments required by subsection (1) of this section shall be aligned with the model content standards adopted by the state board pursuant to section 22-7-406. The assessments shall be conducted during the period beginning the second Monday in March and ending on the third Monday in April of each year. The department shall provide to each public school results of all assessments administered, as provided in subparagraph (I.5) of this paragraph (a), and align the disaggregation of those results with the exclusion of scores permitted by subparagraph (I) of paragraph (d) of this subsection (1.2). ~~Beginning in 2003, for purposes of notifying local boards of education pursuant to section 22-7-609 (2), the department shall provide the results of the assessments of students enrolled in schools that received an academic performance rating of "unsatisfactory" on the school accountability report prepared for the immediately preceding academic year no later than May 1, 2003, and May 1 of each year thereafter.~~

SECTION 2. 22-7-609 (2), Colorado Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

22-7-609. School improvement plans. (2) The state board shall notify a local board of education what school, if any, in its district will receive an academic performance rating of "unsatisfactory", pursuant to section 22-7-604 (5), on the school accountability report being prepared for that academic year. ~~except that,~~

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

~~beginning in 2003, for any school that received an academic performance rating of "unsatisfactory" on the school accountability report prepared for the immediately preceding academic year, the state board shall notify the local board of education for that school no later than May 1, 2003, and each May 1 thereafter if that school will receive an academic performance rating of "unsatisfactory" on the school accountability report prepared for that academic year. The state board shall notify the local board of education that it must submit a school improvement plan pursuant to this section.~~

SECTION 3. 22-30.5-303 (2) (a) and the introductory portion to 22-30.5-303 (2) (b), Colorado Revised Statutes, are amended to read:

22-30.5-303. Independent charter schools - request for proposals - response contents. (2) (a) If an independent charter school is to be organized, the state board, on or before ~~May 10~~ JANUARY 15 of the year in which the independent charter school is to open, shall cause to be issued a request for proposals. The request for proposals shall solicit proposals from interested parties, including but not limited to individuals, persons, nonprofit or for-profit companies, existing public schools or school districts, and institutions of higher education, for the operation of an independent charter school within a building that currently houses a public school of a school district. Responses to the request for proposals shall be due no later than the date specified by the state board pursuant to rules adopted by the state board in accordance with paragraph (b) of this subsection (2). The state board shall issue the request for proposals without regard to the provisions of the "Procurement Code", articles 101 to 112 of title 24, C.R.S.

(b) The state board shall adopt rules specifying a schedule for receipt of the responses to the request for proposals pursuant to paragraph (a) of this subsection (2), the formation of a review committee and receipt of the recommendations of said committee pursuant to section 22-30.5-304, and the selection of an applicant and notification to the local board of education pursuant to section 22-30.5-305. Said schedule shall ensure the completion of negotiations on the independent charter no later than ~~August 15~~ MAY 30 of the year in which the independent charter school is to open. The rules shall also specify the information that an independent charter proposal shall include in order to be eligible for consideration. Such information shall include, but need not be limited to, the following:

SECTION 4. 22-30.5-306 (3) (a), Colorado Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

22-30.5-306. Independent charter schools - charter - term. (3) (a) On or before ~~August 15~~ MAY 30 of the year in which the independent charter school is to open, all negotiations between the selected applicant and the local board of education shall be concluded and the local board of education shall accept the application following a public hearing held upon public notice.

SECTION 5. 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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