CHAPTER 16

EDUCATION - PUBLIC SCHOOLS

HOUSE BILL 04-1124

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AN ACT

CONCERNING CHANGES TO THE STATE SCHOOL ACCOUNTABILITY REPORT TO ADD INFORMATION ON ADEQUATE YEARLY PROGRESS.

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

SECTION 1. 22-7-605 (4) (d), Colorado Revised Statutes, is amended, and the said 22-7-605 (4) is further amended BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW PARAGRAPH, to read:

22-7-605. School accountability reports - format. (4) Title page. Information described in paragraphs (a) to (d) of this subsection (4) shall appear on the front of the accountability report:

(c.5) Adequate yearly progress. The accountability report shall contain the following subtitle, "ARE THESE GROUPS OF STUDENTS MAKING ADEQUATE YEARLY PROGRESS ON FEDERAL BENCHMARKS TO ENSURE THAT ALL STUDENTS KNOW AND ARE ABLE TO COMPLETE GRADE-LEVEL WORK IN READING AND MATHEMATICS?". Immediately beneath this subtitle shall be a table with the following three columns:

(I) The first column shall be entitled "Group" and shall contain the following eight lines:

(A) "WHITE";
(B) "HISPANIC";
(C) "BLACK";

Capital letters indicate new material added to existing statutes; dashes through words indicate deletions from existing statutes and such material not part of act.
(D) "NATIVE AMERICAN/ALASKAN NATIVE'';

(E) "ASIAN/PACIFIC ISLANDER'';

(F) "ECONOMICALLY DISADVANTAGED'';

(G) "STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES''; and

(H) "ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS''.

(II) THE SECOND COLUMN SHALL BE ENTITLED "READING" AND THE THIRD COLUMN SHALL BE ENTITLED "MATHEMATICS''.

(III) THE EIGHT LINES OF THE SECOND AND THIRD COLUMNS SHALL CONTAIN THE WORDS "YES" OR "NEEDS IMPROVEMENT'', BASED UPON DETERMINATIONS MADE BY THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PURSUANT TO THE FEDERALLY APPROVED STATE PLAN ADOPTED PURSUANT TO THE "NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND ACT OF 2001'', PUBLIC LAW 107-110.

(d) Preparation and verification information. The accountability report shall contain the following statement: "School Accountability Reports prepared by the Colorado Department of Education are independently audited and verified by [name of the consulting firm whose services are procured pursuant to section 22-7-606 (4)]." At the bottom of the title page of the accountability report shall appear the following statement: "For more information on additional schools, visit www.state.co.us/schools''.

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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