

CHAPTER 246

EDUCATION - PUBLIC SCHOOLS

HOUSE BILL 05-1217

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also SENATOR(S) Grossman, Kester, Spence, Tapia, and Tupa.

AN ACT

CONCERNING CALCULATION OF ACADEMIC GROWTH, AND MAKING AN APPROPRIATION IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.

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

SECTION 1. 22-7-604.3 (4) (a) (I), Colorado Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

22-7-604.3. Diagnostic academic growth calculation - model - rule-making. (4) **Sufficient academic growth.** (a) No later than September 15, 2004, the department shall calculate what constitutes sufficient academic growth for each student for each school year. The department shall formulate the calculation in such a way that sufficient academic growth means:

(I) A student is progressing sufficiently to perform ~~at least at the proficiency level of "proficient"~~ in reading, writing, and mathematics AT INCREASING LEVELS OF PROFICIENCY, PROJECTED AT GRADE LEVELS DETERMINED BY THE DEPARTMENT, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE TECHNICAL ADVISORY PANEL, WITH THE GOAL OF PERFORMANCE AT LEAST AT THE PROFICIENCY LEVEL OF "PROFICIENT" before completing grade ten; and

SECTION 2. 22-11-305 (1) (a), Colorado Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

22-11-305. Governor's distinguished improvement awards. (1) The state board shall annually present financial awards to the public schools in the state demonstrating the highest degree of academic growth of students based on the mixed-effects statistical model used to calculate academic growth of students for diagnostic purposes pursuant to section 22-7-604.3. The state board shall present the

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awards to the schools with high percentages of students:

(a) Who achieve academic growth at a SUFFICIENT rate ~~sufficient to reach proficiency by grade ten~~ AS DETERMINED BY THE DEPARTMENT PURSUANT TO SECTION 22-7-604.3 (4) (a) (I); or

SECTION 3. Repeal. 22-7-606 (4), Colorado Revised Statutes, is repealed as follows:

~~**22-7-606. School accountability reports - delivery website - repeal.** (4) On or before January 1, 2001, and on or before each January 1 thereafter, the state board shall contract with a nationally recognized, independent auditing firm to annually audit the process of preparing the accountability reports developed pursuant to section 22-7-605 to ensure data and reporting integrity and quality control. The department shall award the contract based upon a competitive bid, except that the provisions of the "Procurement Code", articles 101 to 112 of title 24, C.R.S., shall not apply to this contract. The name of the independent auditing firm shall appear on all accountability reports printed pursuant to this section.~~

SECTION 4. Appropriation - adjustments to the 2005 long bill. (1) For the implementation of this act, appropriations made in the annual general appropriation act for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2005, shall be adjusted as follows:

(a) The appropriation to the department of education, management and administration, for school accountability reports and state data reporting system, is decreased by one hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000). Said sum shall be from the general fund.

(b) The appropriation to the department of education, management and administration, for longitudinal analyses of student assessment results, is increased by one hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000). Said sum shall be from the general fund.

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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