

CHAPTER 35

EDUCATION - PUBLIC SCHOOLS

HOUSE BILL 09-1046

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AN ACT**CONCERNING PROCEDURES TO IMPLEMENT THE POSTSECONDARY AND WORKFORCE READINESS ASSESSMENTS PILOT PROGRAM.**

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

SECTION 1. 22-7-1007 (2) and (3), Colorado Revised Statutes, are amended to read:

22-7-1007. Postsecondary and workforce readiness assessments pilot program - rules. (2) Each assessment vendor that chooses to participate in the pilot program shall provide to the department of education data concerning administration of the vendor's assessments in COLORADO AND IN other states, including but not limited to test score unit records. The department shall apply the data in preparing amendments to the state plan, as described in section 22-7-1012, and in adjusting the longitudinal growth model adopted pursuant to section 22-7-604.3 to ensure that the results of each assessment that is included in the pilot program can be used to measure individual student growth toward attaining postsecondary and workforce readiness.

(3) Each local education provider that chooses to participate in the pilot program shall:

(a) ~~During the spring semester~~ of Each academic year beginning in 2009, administer a postsecondary and workforce planning assessment, selected by the local education provider from among the assessments provided by the participating vendors, to students enrolled in ninth grade. A local education provider may also choose to administer the postsecondary and workforce planning assessment ~~during the fall semester~~ to students enrolled in eighth grade.

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) ~~During the spring semester of~~ Each academic year beginning in 2009, administer a postsecondary and workforce preparation assessment, selected by the local education provider from among the assessments provided by the participating vendors, to students enrolled in tenth grade;

(c) ~~During the spring semester of~~ Each academic year beginning in 2009, administer a postsecondary and workforce readiness assessment, selected by the local education provider from among the assessments provided by the participating vendors, to students enrolled in eleventh grade;

(d) Develop and implement a process by which the local education provider will share the results received by each student on the postsecondary and workforce planning, preparation, and readiness assessments with the student and the student's parents as soon as possible following receipt of the results; and

(e) ~~Annually on or before a date specified by rule of the state board;~~ DIRECT THE VENDOR TO provide to the department of education, ON OR BEFORE A DATE SPECIFIED BY RULE OF THE STATE BOARD, the results achieved by each student on the postsecondary and workforce planning, preparation, or readiness assessment and any other information pertaining to the operation of the pilot program that may be required by state board rule.

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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