

## CHAPTER 272

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**EDUCATION - PUBLIC SCHOOLS**


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**HOUSE BILL 14-1385**

BY REPRESENTATIVE(S) Priola and Peniston, Fields, Ginal, Hamner, Hullinghorst, Kraft-Tharp, Melton, Primavera, Rosenthal, Ryden, Saine, Williams, Young;  
also SENATOR(S) Johnston and Rivera, Heath, Herpin, Jones, Kefalas, Kerr, Newell, Nicholson, Schwartz, Tochtrop, Todd.

**AN ACT****CONCERNING CREATION OF HIGH SCHOOL ACADEMIC GROWTH AWARDS TO CORRESPOND TO HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC AWARD CLASSIFICATIONS.**

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

**SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 22-11-603.7 as follows:

**22-11-603.7. Academic growth awards - rules - definitions.** (1) (a) SUBJECT TO AVAILABLE APPROPRIATIONS, THE STATE BOARD SHALL ANNUALLY PRESENT AN AWARD TO THE PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL THAT DEMONSTRATES THE HIGHEST LEVELS OF STUDENT ACADEMIC GROWTH WITHIN EACH CLASSIFICATION. THE AWARDS PRESENTED PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION MUST BE IN THE FORM OF TROPHIES THAT RESEMBLE THE TROPHIES PRESENTED FOR ATHLETIC ACCOMPLISHMENTS. THE TECHNICAL ADVISORY PANEL CONVENED PURSUANT TO SECTION 22-11-202 SHALL RECOMMEND TO THE STATE BOARD, AND THE STATE BOARD SHALL ESTABLISH BY RULE, THE METHOD BY WHICH TO IDENTIFY THE PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOLS THAT DEMONSTRATE THE HIGHEST RATE OF STUDENT LONGITUDINAL GROWTH IN ONE OR MORE SCHOOL YEARS, AS MEASURED BY THE COLORADO GROWTH MODEL.

(b) THE AWARDS ISSUED PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION ARE NAMED FOR EACH CLASSIFICATION AND KNOWN AS THE ACADEMIC GROWTH AWARD FOR THAT CLASSIFICATION.

(2) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY PROVISION OF THIS PART 6 TO THE CONTRARY, OF ANY MONEYS THAT THE DEPARTMENT MAY RECEIVE PURSUANT TO SECTION 22-11-605 (1) IN THE FORM OF PUBLIC OR PRIVATE GIFTS, GRANTS, OR DONATIONS, IN THE 2014-15 BUDGET YEAR AND EACH BUDGET YEAR THEREAFTER, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL USE UP TO ONE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS TO AWARD

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

TROPHIES PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL APPORTION THE REMAINDER OF THE MONEYS AVAILABLE FOR AWARDS AS PROVIDED IN SECTIONS 22-11-602, 22-11-603, AND 22-11-603.5.

(3) AS USED IN THIS SECTION, "CLASSIFICATION" MEANS THE GROUPING OF SCHOOLS ESTABLISHED BIENNIALY BY THE STATEWIDE ASSOCIATION FOR HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES FOR THE SPORT OF FOOTBALL.

**SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-11-601, **amend** (2) as follows:

**22-11-601. Colorado school awards program - created - rules.** (2) In addition to the monetary awards made and distributed pursuant to sections 22-11-602, 22-11-603, 22-11-603.5, and 22-11-605, the state board may annually apply moneys from the school awards program fund created in section 22-11-605 to provide tangible items of recognition, such as banners or trophies, to schools that are identified as eligible to receive the John Irwin schools of excellence awards, the governor's distinguished improvement awards, ~~and~~ the centers of excellence awards, AND THE ACADEMIC GROWTH AWARDS CREATED IN SECTION 22-11-603.7.

**SECTION 3. No appropriation.** The general assembly has determined that this act can be implemented within existing appropriations, and therefore no separate appropriation of state moneys is necessary to carry out the purposes of this act.

**SECTION 4. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly (August 6, 2014, if adjournment sine die is on May 7, 2014); except that, if a referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take effect unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in November 2014 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.

Approved: May 29, 2014