

SENATE COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE REPORT

Chairman of Committee

March 27, 2008
Date

Committee on Education.

After consideration on the merits, the Committee recommends the following:

SB08-212 be amended as follows, and as so amended, be referred to the Committee on Appropriations with favorable recommendation:

1 Amend printed bill, page 7, after line 10, insert the following:

2 "(c) IN PROVIDING THE CURRICULA TO ENSURE THAT EACH
3 STUDENT ATTAINS THE LEVEL OF ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT AND
4 PREPARATION HE OR SHE NEEDS TO CONTINUE INTO THE STUDENT'S
5 CHOSEN POST-GRADUATION PATH OF ENTERING THE WORKFORCE, CAREER
6 AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION, OR HIGHER EDUCATION, A WIDE VARIETY OF
7 CURRICULAR AND PROGRAM OPTIONS WILL BE NECESSARY TO SPARK IN
8 EACH STUDENT THE AMBITION AND DESIRE TO GRADUATE FROM HIGH
9 SCHOOL AND ACHIEVE HIS OR HER ASPIRATIONS;"

10 Reletter succeeding paragraphs.

11 Page 7, line 17, after "ACCOUNTABILITY;", insert "CHARACTER AND";

12 line 18, after "TO", insert "PREPARING STUDENTS FOR";

13 line 19, strike "WORKFORCE;" and substitute "WORKFORCE AND FOR
14 ACTIVE CITIZENSHIP;"

15 Page 8, line 25, strike "STATE RESOURCES" and substitute "EXISTING
16 STATE RESOURCES AND THE IDENTIFICATION AND ALLOCATION OF NEW
17 RESOURCES".

1 Page 9, after line 1, insert the following:

2 "(d) ALIGNING STANDARDS FROM PRESCHOOL THROUGH
3 POSTSECONDARY AND WORKFORCE READINESS AND CREATING A SEAMLESS
4 SYSTEM OF PUBLIC EDUCATION WILL PLACE EVEN GREATER DEMANDS ON
5 PRINCIPALS, TEACHERS, AND OTHER EDUCATORS. THE GENERAL
6 ASSEMBLY RECOGNIZES THAT, ENABLING THEM TO MEET THESE DEMANDS
7 WILL REQUIRE AN INVESTMENT IN PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT."

8 Reletter succeeding paragraph accordingly.

9 Page 10, after line 4, insert the following:

10 "(4) "COMMISSIONER" MEANS THE COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION
11 APPOINTED BY THE STATE BOARD PURSUANT TO SECTION 22-2-110."

12 Renumber succeeding subsections accordingly.

13 Page 10, after line 11, insert the following:

14 "(7) "EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR" MEANS THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF
15 THE DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR
16 PURSUANT TO SECTION 24-1-114, C.R.S."

17 Renumber succeeding subsections accordingly.

18 Page 11, after line 15, insert the following:

19 "(15) "REGIONAL EDUCATOR MEETING" MEANS A MEETING
20 CONVENED PURSUANT TO SECTION 22-7-1010 BY THE COMMISSIONER AND
21 THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR IN A REGIONAL SERVICE AREA."

22 Renumber succeeding subsections accordingly.

23 Page 12, line 4, strike "2009," and substitute "2008,";

24 line 10, strike "JULY 1," and substitute "DECEMBER 15,";

25 line 20, after "TO", insert "KINDERGARTEN OR";

26 line 27, strike "2013," and substitute "2015,".

- 1 Page 13, line 1, strike "FOUR" and substitute "SIX".
- 2 Page 14, line 24, after "ACCOUNTABILITY;", insert "CHARACTER AND".
- 3 Page 15, line 5, "2013," and substitute "2015,";
- 4 line 6, strike "FOUR" and substitute "SIX".
- 5 Page 16, line 27, strike "2014," and substitute "2016,".
- 6 Page 17, line 1, strike "FOUR" and substitute "SIX";
- 7 line 12, strike "2009," and substitute "2008,".
- 8 Page 18, line 7, after "ACCOUNTABILITY;", insert "CHARACTER AND";
- 9 line 10, strike "JULY 1," and substitute "DECEMBER 15,";
- 10 line 23, after "POSTSECONDARY", insert "AND WORKFORCE";
- 11 line 25, strike "AND";
- 12 strike line 27 and substitute the following:
- 13 "AUTHORIZED BY THE COLORADO COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION".
- 14 Page 19, line 1, strike "C.R.S." and substitute "C.R.S.;"
- 15 after line 1, insert the following:
 - 16 (III) A WORKFORCE READINESS ASSESSMENT THAT IS DESIGNED
 - 17 TO MEASURE THE KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS THAT EMPLOYERS EXPECT
 - 18 PERSONS ENTERING THE WORKFORCE TO KNOW AND BE ABLE TO DO; AND
 - 19 (IV) ONE OR MORE ASSESSMENTS THAT ARE SPECIFIC TO ONE OR
 - 20 MORE SELECTED OCCUPATIONS AND MEASURE A STUDENT'S ATTAINMENT
 - 21 OF THE KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS NECESSARY TO ENTER THE OCCUPATION
 - 22 TO WHICH THE ASSESSMENT APPLIES.";
- 23 line 19, strike "2013," and substitute "2015,";

- 1 line 20, strike "FOUR" and substitute "SIX";
- 2 line 27, strike "2014," and substitute "2016,".
- 3 Page 20, line 1, strike "FOUR" and substitute "SIX".
- 4 Page 21, line 20, strike "2015," and substitute "2017,";
- 5 line 21, strike "FOUR" and substitute "SIX";
- 6 line 25, strike "**assistance.**" and substitute "**assistance - amendments to**
7 **state plan.**".
- 8 Page 22, line 23, strike "PROVIDERS," and substitute "PROVIDERS AND
9 EXPERTS,".
- 10 Page 23, line 5, after "EDUCATION," insert "THE DIVISION OF CHILD
11 CARE,";
- 12 after line 21, insert the following:
- 13 (4) (a) THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION SHALL AMEND THE
14 STATE PLAN REQUIRED BY THE FEDERAL "NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND ACT OF
15 2001", 20 U.S.C. SEC. 6301 ET SEQ., AS NECESSARY TO REFLECT THE
16 ADOPTION OF AND ANY SUBSEQUENT REVISIONS TO:
- 17 (I) THE SCHOOL READINESS DESCRIPTION;
- 18 (II) THE PRESCHOOL THROUGH ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY
19 EDUCATION STANDARDS;
- 20 (III) THE POSTSECONDARY AND WORKFORCE READINESS
21 DESCRIPTION; AND
- 22 (IV) THE ASSESSMENTS THAT ARE ALIGNED WITH THE
23 DESCRIPTIONS AND THE STANDARDS.
- 24 (b) THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION SHALL SUBMIT THE AMENDED
25 STATE PLAN TO THE FEDERAL DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION FOR APPROVAL
26 IN ACCORDANCE WITH FEDERAL LAW.

1 **22-7-1010. Regional educator meetings - purpose -**
2 **recommendations.** (1) BEGINNING IN THE 2008-09 ACADEMIC YEAR, THE
3 COMMISSIONER AND THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, AT LEAST ANNUALLY,
4 SHALL CONVENE MEETINGS OF PROFESSIONAL EDUCATORS IN PRESCHOOL,
5 ELEMENTARY, SECONDARY, AND POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION WITHIN
6 EACH OF THE REGIONAL SERVICE AREAS CREATED BY THE STATE BOARD.
7 IN CONVENING THE REGIONAL EDUCATOR MEETINGS, THE COMMISSIONER
8 AND THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SHALL WORK WITH:

9 (a) THE PRESIDENT OF THE STATE SYSTEM OF COMMUNITY AND
10 TECHNICAL COLLEGES;

11 (b) ONE OR MORE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE JUNIOR COLLEGE
12 DISTRICTS;

13 (c) THE CHIEF ACADEMIC OFFICERS OR EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS OF
14 THE STATE INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION;

15 (d) THE SCHOOL DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENTS THROUGHOUT THE
16 STATE; AND

17 (e) REPRESENTATIVES OF THE DIVISION OF CHILD CARE AND THE
18 EARLY CHILDHOOD POLICY TEAM IN THE OFFICE OF THE LIEUTENANT
19 GOVERNOR.

20 (2) AT A MINIMUM, THE FOLLOWING PERSONS SHALL BE INVITED TO
21 ATTEND THE REGIONAL EDUCATOR MEETINGS IN EACH REGIONAL SERVICE
22 AREA:

23 (a) EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION PROVIDERS;

24 (b) THE PRESCHOOL, ELEMENTARY, AND SECONDARY TEACHERS,
25 PRINCIPALS, ADMINISTRATORS, COUNSELORS, AND OTHER SPECIAL
26 SERVICES PROVIDERS EMPLOYED BY THE LOCAL EDUCATION PROVIDERS
27 LOCATED IN THE REGIONAL SERVICE AREA; AND

28 (c) THE POSTSECONDARY FACULTY, ACADEMIC ADVISORS, AND
29 ADMINISTRATORS EMPLOYED BY THE STATE INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER
30 EDUCATION AND JUNIOR COLLEGES, IF ANY, LOCATED IN THE REGIONAL
31 SERVICE AREA.

1 (3) THE COMMISSIONER AND THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SHALL
2 CONVENE REGIONAL EDUCATOR MEETINGS FOR THE PURPOSE OF
3 COLLABORATING IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ALIGNMENT OF THE
4 PRESCHOOL THROUGH POSTSECONDARY PUBLIC EDUCATION SYSTEMS,
5 INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO:

6 (a) COLLABORATING IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF:

7 (I) THE SCHOOL READINESS DESCRIPTION, THE PRESCHOOL
8 THROUGH ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION STANDARDS, AND
9 THE POSTSECONDARY AND WORKFORCE READINESS DESCRIPTION;

10 (II) PROGRAMS OF INSTRUCTION FOR PRESCHOOL, ELEMENTARY,
11 SECONDARY, AND POSTSECONDARY STUDENTS; AND

12 (III) ASSESSMENTS THAT ARE ALIGNED WITH THE SCHOOL
13 READINESS AND POSTSECONDARY AND WORKFORCE READINESS
14 DESCRIPTIONS AND THE PRESCHOOL THROUGH ELEMENTARY AND
15 SECONDARY EDUCATION STANDARDS;

16 (b) COLLABORATING IN THE PROVISION OF THE SUPPORTIVE
17 SERVICES THAT ARE NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THE SCHOOL READINESS
18 AND POSTSECONDARY AND WORKFORCE READINESS DESCRIPTIONS, THE
19 PRESCHOOL THROUGH ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION
20 STANDARDS, AND THE ALIGNED ASSESSMENTS;

21 (c) REVIEWING THE LEVELS OF FINANCIAL SUPPORT NEEDED TO
22 IMPLEMENT THE SCHOOL READINESS AND POSTSECONDARY AND
23 WORKFORCE READINESS DESCRIPTIONS, THE PRESCHOOL THROUGH
24 ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION STANDARDS, AND THE
25 ALIGNED ASSESSMENTS, AND FORMULATING RECOMMENDATIONS
26 CONCERNING THE REALLOCATION OF STATE RESOURCES AND THE
27 IDENTIFICATION OF ADDITIONAL STATE RESOURCES FOR SAID
28 IMPLEMENTATION; AND

29 (d) REVIEWING THE SCHOOL READINESS DESCRIPTION, THE
30 PRESCHOOL THROUGH ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION
31 STANDARDS, THE POSTSECONDARY AND WORKFORCE READINESS
32 DESCRIPTION, THE ASSESSMENTS ALIGNED WITH THE DESCRIPTIONS AND
33 STANDARDS, AND THE CRITERIA FOR DIPLOMA ENDORSEMENTS, AND
34 MAKING RECOMMENDATIONS FOR REVISIONS TO THE STATE BOARD AND

1 THE COMMISSION.

2 (4) EACH REGIONAL SERVICE AREA MAY SUBMIT TO THE STATE
3 BOARD AND THE COMMISSION THE RECOMMENDATIONS ARISING FROM THE
4 REGIONAL EDUCATOR MEETINGS HELD IN THE REGIONAL SERVICE AREA.
5 THE STATE BOARD AND THE COMMISSION SHALL TAKE THE
6 RECOMMENDATIONS INTO ACCOUNT IN FULFILLING THEIR DUTIES
7 PURSUANT TO THIS PART 10. IN ADDITION, A REGIONAL SERVICE AREA
8 MAY SUBMIT ANY RECOMMENDATIONS FOR LEGISLATIVE CHANGES TO THE
9 EDUCATION COMMITTEES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND THE
10 SENATE, OR ANY SUCCESSOR COMMITTEES."

11 Renumber succeeding C.R.S. sections accordingly.

12 Page 23, line 24, strike "JULY 1," and substitute "DECEMBER 15,".

13 Page 24, after line 24, insert the following:

14 "(3) A LOCAL EDUCATION PROVIDER MAY ALLOW A STUDENT WHO
15 IS RECEIVING SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES TO DEMONSTRATE
16 ATTAINMENT OF THE PRESCHOOL THROUGH ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY
17 EDUCATION STANDARDS AND POSTSECONDARY AND WORKFORCE
18 READINESS THROUGH A DIFFERENTIATED PLAN IF REQUIRED IN THE
19 STUDENT'S INDIVIDUALIZED EDUCATION PROGRAM."

20 Renumber succeeding subsection accordingly.

21 Page 24, line 25, strike "2014," and substitute "2017,";

22 line 26, strike "FOUR" and substitute "SIX".

23 Page 25, line 10, strike "**learning**" and substitute "**readiness**";

24 line 12, strike "2010," and substitute "2012,";

25 line 15, strike "LEARNING" and substitute "READINESS";

26 line 16, after "STANDARDS", insert "OR KINDERGARTEN STANDARDS, AS
27 APPROPRIATE,";

28 line 20, strike "LEARNING" and substitute "READINESS".

1 Page 26, line 2, strike "2011," and substitute "2013,";
2 strike lines 10 through 18 and substitute the following:
3 "(b) THE";
4 line 25, strike "INDIVIDUAL" and substitute "INDIVIDUALIZED";
5 line 26, strike "LEARNING" and substitute "READINESS".
6 Page 27, line 13, strike "CARE" and substitute "AND SCHOOL READINESS";
7 line 14, strike "AND EDUCATION";
8 line 16, strike "PRIOR TO THE 2011-12 ACADEMIC YEAR," and substitute
9 "ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 15, 2011,".
10 Page 28, line 13, strike "SCHOOL." and substitute "SCHOOL THAT ARE
11 DESIGNED TO PREPARE A STUDENT FOR DIFFERING POST-GRADUATION
12 GOALS, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO IMMEDIATE ENTRY INTO THE
13 WORKFORCE OR MATRICULATION INTO CAREER AND TECHNICAL
14 EDUCATION OR HIGHER EDUCATION."
15 Page 29, line 7, strike "BEGINNING IN THE FALL SEMESTER OF 2011," and
16 substitute "ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 15, 2012,";
17 line 16, strike "TAKE INTO" and substitute "ALLOW A STUDENT WHO IS
18 RECEIVING SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES TO DEMONSTRATE ATTAINMENT
19 OF POSTSECONDARY AND WORKFORCE READINESS THROUGH A
20 DIFFERENTIATED PLAN FOR PURPOSES OF THE POSTSECONDARY AND
21 WORKFORCE READINESS PROGRAM AND THE POSTSECONDARY AND
22 WORKFORCE READINESS ASSESSMENT OR GROUP OF ASSESSMENTS, IF
23 REQUIRED IN THE STUDENT'S INDIVIDUALIZED EDUCATION PROGRAM.";
24 strike lines 17 through 20.
25 Page 31, line 4, strike "BEGINNING IN THE 2011-12 ACADEMIC YEAR," and
26 substitute "ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 15, 2012,";
27 line 11, after "POSTSECONDARY", insert "AND WORKFORCE";

1 line 12, after "ASSESSMENTS," insert "THE LOCAL EDUCATION PROVIDER
2 SHALL SEND A WRITTEN COPY OF THE ASSESSMENT RESULTS FOR EACH
3 STUDENT TO THE STUDENT'S HOME ADDRESS AND";

4 line 13, strike "AND" and substitute "AND, TO THE EXTENT PRACTICABLE,
5 WITH".

6 Page 33, after line 8, insert the following:

7 **"22-7-1016. Cost study.** (1) (a) ON OR BEFORE SEPTEMBER 15,
8 2009, THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION SHALL CONTRACT WITH AN
9 INDEPENDENT ENTITY TO CONDUCT A STUDY OF THE COSTS OF
10 IMPLEMENTING THE PROVISIONS OF THIS PART 10. AT A MINIMUM, THE
11 STUDY SHALL ADDRESS THE ANTICIPATED COSTS TO BE INCURRED BY THE
12 DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, THE DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION,
13 LOCAL EDUCATION PROVIDERS, AND STATE INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER
14 EDUCATION IN IMPLEMENTING THE PROVISIONS OF THIS PART 10.

15 (b) IN SELECTING AN INDEPENDENT ENTITY TO CONDUCT THE COST
16 STUDY, THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION SHALL ENSURE THAT THE
17 SELECTED ENTITY HAS EXPERTISE IN SCHOOL FINANCE STATUTES AND
18 ISSUES IN THIS STATE AND NATIONALLY.

19 (c) AT A MINIMUM, THE COST STUDY SHALL ADDRESS THE COSTS
20 ASSOCIATED WITH:

21 (I) REVIEWING, ADOPTING, AND IMPLEMENTING STANDARDS AND
22 CURRICULA TO MEET OR EXCEED THE NEWLY ADOPTED PRESCHOOL
23 THROUGH ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION STANDARDS;

24 (II) IMPLEMENTING THE ASSESSMENT SYSTEM FOR THE PRESCHOOL
25 THROUGH ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION STANDARDS;

26 (III) IMPLEMENTING THE SCHOOL READINESS DESCRIPTION AND
27 ASSESSMENTS, INCLUDING CREATING AND IMPLEMENTING INDIVIDUAL
28 LEARNING PLANS;

29 (IV) INCORPORATING CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION
30 STANDARDS INTO THE CURRICULA; AND

31 (V) ALIGNING THE CURRICULA WITH THE POSTSECONDARY AND

1 WORKFORCE READINESS DESCRIPTION AND ADMINISTERING AND
2 REVIEWING THE POSTSECONDARY AND WORKFORCE READINESS
3 ASSESSMENTS.

4 (2) THE ENTITY SELECTED TO CONDUCT THE COST STUDY SHALL
5 SUBMIT REPORTS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN ACCORDANCE
6 WITH THE FOLLOWING TIME LINE:

7 (a) ON OR BEFORE MARCH 1, 2010, A REPORT OF THE COSTS
8 PERTAINING TO ADOPTION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SCHOOL
9 READINESS DESCRIPTION, THE PRESCHOOL THROUGH ELEMENTARY AND
10 SECONDARY EDUCATION STANDARDS, AND THE POSTSECONDARY AND
11 WORKFORCE READINESS DESCRIPTION;

12 (b) ON OR BEFORE OCTOBER 1, 2010, A REPORT OF THE COSTS
13 PERTAINING TO IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SCHOOL READINESS
14 ASSESSMENTS, THE SYSTEM OF ASSESSMENTS THAT IS ALIGNED WITH THE
15 PRESCHOOL THROUGH ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION
16 STANDARDS, AND THE POSTSECONDARY AND WORKFORCE READINESS
17 ASSESSMENTS; AND

18 (c) ON OR BEFORE OCTOBER 1, 2011, A REPORT OF THE COSTS
19 PERTAINING TO IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DIPLOMA ENDORSEMENTS.

20 (3) AS SOON AS POSSIBLE FOLLOWING RECEIPT OF EACH REPORT
21 SPECIFIED IN SUBSECTION (2) OF THIS SECTION, THE DEPARTMENT OF
22 EDUCATION SHALL SUBMIT THE REPORT TO THE JOINT BUDGET COMMITTEE
23 OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND TO THE EDUCATION COMMITTEES OF THE
24 SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, OR ANY SUCCESSOR
25 COMMITTEES."

26 Renumber succeeding C.R.S. section accordingly.

27 Page 33, strike line 10 and substitute the following:

28 **"readiness - progress reports - effectiveness reports.** (1) ON OR
29 BEFORE FEBRUARY 15, 2009, AND ON OR BEFORE FEBRUARY 15 EACH
30 YEAR THEREAFTER THROUGH 2012, THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
31 SHALL SUBMIT TO THE EDUCATION COMMITTEES OF THE SENATE AND THE
32 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, OR ANY SUCCESSOR COMMITTEES, A REPORT
33 SUMMARIZING THE ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE STATE BOARD, THE

1 COMMISSION, AND LOCAL EDUCATION PROVIDERS IN IMPLEMENTING THE
2 REQUIREMENTS SPECIFIED IN THIS PART 10. THE DEPARTMENT MAY
3 INCLUDE IN THE REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS, AS MAY BE NECESSARY, FOR
4 LEGISLATIVE CHANGES IN THE TIME LINE FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS
5 PART 10.

6 (2) ON OR BEFORE FEBRUARY 15, 2013, AND".

7 Renumber succeeding subsections accordingly.

8 Page 33, line 14, after "THE", insert "RESULTS ACHIEVED THROUGH".

9 Page 34, line 12, strike "REPORT" and substitute "REPORTS".

10 Page 36, line 15, strike "2009," and substitute "2008,";

11 line 20, strike "2013," and substitute "2015,";

12 line 21, strike "FOUR" and substitute "SIX";

13 line 24, strike "JULY 1," and substitute "DECEMBER 15,".

14 Page 37, line 7, strike "2014," and substitute "2016,";

15 line 8, strike "FOUR" and substitute "SIX".

16 Page 38, line 2, strike "ON OR BEFORE JULY 1, 2011," and substitute "ON
17 OR BEFORE DECEMBER 15, 2014,";

18 strike line 11 and substitute the following:

19 (b) ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 15, 2012,";

20 line 12, strike "ALSO".

21 Page 39, line 2, after "DEGREES", insert "AND CAREER AND TECHNICAL
22 EDUCATION CERTIFICATES AND DEGREES";

23 line 26, strike "2009," and substitute "2010,".

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