

SENATE COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE REPORT

Chairman of Committee

March 20, 2008
Date

Committee on Education.

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

HB08-1186 be amended as follows, and as so amended, be referred to the Committee of the Whole with favorable recommendation:

1 Amend reengrossed bill, page 3, line 20, after the period, add "Thus, if a
2 school's overall academic performance rating is reduced due to student
3 absences or an inadvertent error in administering the test, the school
4 should have the opportunity to explain the rating to the parents of students
5 enrolled in the school.";

6 strike lines 21 through 27.

7 Page 4, strike lines 1 through 25 and substitute the following:

8 "SECTION 2. 22-7-604, Colorado Revised Statutes, is amended
9 BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SUBSECTION to read:

10 **22-7-604. Academic performance - academic growth of**
11 **students - rating - designation and methodology.** (9) (a) FOLLOWING
12 THE CALCULATION OF A PUBLIC SCHOOL'S OVERALL ACADEMIC GROWTH
13 RATING PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL DETERMINE
14 WHETHER THE PUBLIC SCHOOL WOULD HAVE RECEIVED A HIGHER RATING
15 IF THE CALCULATIONS HAD NOT INCLUDED ONE OR MORE OF THE
16 FOLLOWING GROUPS:

17 (I) STUDENTS WHO WERE ABSENT ON THE DAYS THE ASSESSMENTS
18 WERE ADMINISTERED AND WHO DID NOT TAKE THE ASSESSMENTS AT A
19 LATER DATE;

1 (II) STUDENTS WHO DID NOT COMPLETE ONE OR MORE OF THE
2 ASSESSMENTS; OR

3 (III) STUDENTS WHOSE SCORES WERE INVALIDATED BECAUSE OF
4 AN INADVERTENT FAILURE TO ADMINISTER THE ASSESSMENT PURSUANT TO
5 THE DEPARTMENT'S GUIDELINES.

6 (b) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL NOTIFY A PUBLIC SCHOOL IF IT
7 DETERMINES THAT THE PUBLIC SCHOOL WOULD HAVE RECEIVED A HIGHER
8 ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE RATING IF ONE OR MORE OF THE GROUPS
9 SPECIFIED IN PARAGRAPH (a) OF THIS SUBSECTION (9) HAD NOT BEEN
10 INCLUDED IN CALCULATING THE PUBLIC SCHOOL'S ACADEMIC
11 PERFORMANCE RATING.

12 (c) THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF A PUBLIC SCHOOL, A DISTRICT
13 CHARTER SCHOOL, OR AN INSTITUTE CHARTER SCHOOL THAT RECEIVES A
14 NOTIFICATION PURSUANT TO PARAGRAPH (b) OF THIS SUBSECTION (9) MAY,
15 AT ITS OWN EXPENSE, CHOOSE TO DISTRIBUTE WITH THE PUBLIC SCHOOL'S
16 ACCOUNTABILITY REPORT AN EXPLANATION OF HOW THE LOWER
17 ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE RATING WAS CALCULATED AND THE RATING THE
18 PUBLIC SCHOOL WOULD HAVE RECEIVED IF THE CALCULATIONS HAD NOT
19 INCLUDED ONE OR MORE OF THE GROUPS SPECIFIED IN PARAGRAPH (a) OF
20 THIS SUBSECTION (9). AN EXPLANATION INCLUDED PURSUANT TO THIS
21 PARAGRAPH (c) SHALL NOT BE DEEMED TO REFUTE THE RATINGS OR
22 STATEMENTS MADE IN THE SCHOOL ACCOUNTABILITY REPORT."

23 Renumber succeeding sections accordingly.

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