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STATE OF COLORADO

**PREAMENDED**

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Amendments Not Yet Adopted on Second Reading*

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**SENATE BILL 12-172**

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**Senate Committees**  
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**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

101 **CONCERNING STUDENT ASSESSMENTS ADOPTED BY THE STATE BOARD.**

**Bill Summary**

*(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://www.leg.state.co.us/billsummaries>.)*

Under current law, the state board of education (state board) is directed to adopt a system of assessments aligned with state standards in a variety of subjects. The bill directs the state to join as a governing board member a consortium of states that is developing a common set of assessments. For assessments in reading, writing, and mathematics, the state board will rely upon assessments developed by the consortium. For all other assessments, the state board will, to the extent possible, rely

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.  
*Capital letters indicate new material to be added to existing statute.  
Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.*

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May 2, 2012

SENATE  
Amended 2nd Reading  
May 1, 2012

upon assessments developed in conjunction with other states.

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-7-1006, **add** (1.5)  
3 as follows:

4 **22-7-1006. Preschool through elementary and secondary**  
5 **education - aligned assessments - adoption - revisions.**

6 (1.5) COLORADO SHALL PARTICIPATE AS A GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER,  
7 AT LEAST UNTIL JANUARY 1, 2014, IN A CONSORTIUM OF STATES THAT  
8 FOCUSES ON THE READINESS OF STUDENTS FOR COLLEGE AND CAREERS BY  
9 DEVELOPING A COMMON SET OF ASSESSMENTS. ON OR BEFORE JANUARY  
10 1, 2014, AND ON OR BEFORE EACH JANUARY 1 THEREAFTER IF COLORADO  
11 IS A GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER OF THE CONSORTIUM OF STATES, THE  
12 STATE BOARD IS STRONGLY ENCOURAGED TO CONDUCT A FISCAL AND  
13 STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT BENEFIT ANALYSIS OF COLORADO'S REMAINING  
14 A GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER OF THE CONSORTIUM. IN ADOPTING THE  
15 SYSTEM OF ASSESSMENTS THAT IS ALIGNED WITH THE STATE STANDARDS  
16 FOR READING, WRITING, AND MATHEMATICS, THE STATE BOARD SHALL  
17 RELY UPON ASSESSMENTS DEVELOPED BY THE CONSORTIUM OF STATES.

18 **SECTION 2. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,  
19 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate  
20 preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.