

HB1202_L.001

HOUSE COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE AMENDMENT

Committee on Education.HB14-1202 be amended as follows:

1 Amend printed bill, strike everything below the enacting clause and
2 substitute:

3 "SECTION 1. In Colorado Revised Statutes, add 22-7-409.5 as
4 follows:

5 **22-7-409.5. Statewide assessment requirements - study -**
6 **report - repeal.** (1) ON OR BEFORE JULY 1, 2014, THE STATE BOARD OF
7 EDUCATION SHALL CONVENE A WORKING GROUP TO STUDY THE
8 IMPLEMENTATION OF THE STATEWIDE AND LOCAL ASSESSMENT
9 REQUIREMENTS SPECIFIED IN SECTIONS 22-7-409, 22-7-1006, AND
10 22-7-1013 AND IN PART 12 OF THIS ARTICLE, THE FEASIBILITY OF WAIVING
11 CERTAIN ASSESSMENT REQUIREMENTS, AND ACCOUNTABILITY FOR SCHOOL
12 DISTRICTS THAT MAY RECEIVE WAIVERS OF CERTAIN ASSESSMENT
13 REQUIREMENTS. THE BOARD, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE COMMISSIONER
14 OF EDUCATION, SHALL ENSURE THAT THE MEMBERS OF THE WORKING
15 GROUP REPRESENT A DIVERSITY OF SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND EDUCATION
16 PHILOSOPHIES AND THAT THEY INCLUDE, AT A MINIMUM:

17 (a) REPRESENTATIVES OF SCHOOL DISTRICT ADMINISTRATORS
18 EMPLOYED IN THE STATE, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO AT LEAST ONE
19 MEMBER WHO REPRESENTS A STATEWIDE ORGANIZATION OF SCHOOL
20 DISTRICT ADMINISTRATORS;

21 (b) REPRESENTATIVES OF DIRECTORS SERVING ON SCHOOL
22 DISTRICT BOARDS OF EDUCATION IN THE STATE AND ON THE GOVERNING
23 BOARD OF THE STATE CHARTER SCHOOL INSTITUTE, INCLUDING BUT NOT
24 LIMITED TO AT LEAST ONE MEMBER WHO REPRESENTS A STATEWIDE
25 ORGANIZATION OF SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARDS OF EDUCATION;

26 (c) REPRESENTATIVES OF TEACHERS EMPLOYED IN PUBLIC
27 SCHOOLS IN THE STATE, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO AT LEAST ONE
28 MEMBER WHO REPRESENTS A STATEWIDE ORGANIZATION OF TEACHERS;

29 (d) REPRESENTATIVES OF DISTRICT CHARTER SCHOOLS AND
30 INSTITUTE CHARTER SCHOOLS WITHIN THE STATE, INCLUDING BUT NOT
31 LIMITED TO AT LEAST ONE MEMBER WHO REPRESENTS A STATEWIDE
32 ORGANIZATION OF CHARTER SCHOOLS;

33 (e) REPRESENTATIVES OF PARENTS OF CHILDREN WHO ARE
34 ENROLLED IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS IN THE STATE, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED
35 TO AT LEAST ONE MEMBER WHO REPRESENTS A STATEWIDE ORGANIZATION
36 OF PARENTS OF CHILDREN ENROLLED IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS;

37 (f) REPRESENTATIVES OF THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY IN THE STATE,



1 INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO AT LEAST ONE MEMBER WHO REPRESENTS
2 AN ORGANIZATION OF BUSINESSES;

3 (g) NATIONAL EXPERTS IN THE AREAS OF PUBLIC SCHOOL
4 ACCOUNTABILITY AND SUBJECT AREA ASSESSMENTS; AND

5 (h) PERSONS WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT WHO HAVE EXPERTISE IN
6 ASSESSMENTS AND ACCOUNTABILITY.

7 (2) THE WORKING GROUP SHALL CONSIDER, AT A MINIMUM, THE
8 FOLLOWING ISSUES:

9 (a) ADMINISTRATION OF STATEWIDE ASSESSMENTS WITHIN SCHOOL
10 DISTRICTS AND CHARTER SCHOOLS, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO THE
11 ASSESSMENT TIMELINES FOR THE 2014-15 SCHOOL YEAR AND SCHOOL
12 YEARS THEREAFTER, THE TOTAL ANNUAL COST TO THE DEPARTMENT AND
13 TO SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND CHARTER SCHOOLS OF ADMINISTERING THE
14 STATEWIDE ASSESSMENTS, THE TOTAL NUMBER OF DAYS REQUIRED TO
15 ADMINISTER ASSESSMENTS AND THE TOTAL TIME STUDENTS ANNUALLY
16 SPEND TAKING STATEWIDE ASSESSMENTS, THE TIMELINE FOR
17 ADMINISTERING NEW OR ADDITIONAL ASSESSMENTS, AND THE TIMELINE
18 FOR RECEIVING ASSESSMENT RESULTS;

19 (b) ADMINISTRATION OF LOCAL ASSESSMENTS BY SCHOOL
20 DISTRICTS AND CHARTER SCHOOLS, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO THE
21 LOCAL ASSESSMENTS ADMINISTERED BY SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND CHARTER
22 SCHOOLS TO SUPPLEMENT STATEWIDE ASSESSMENTS, THE COSTS TO
23 SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND CHARTER SCHOOLS OF ADMINISTERING THE LOCAL
24 ASSESSMENTS, THE LOCAL ASSESSMENT TIMELINES, THE TOTAL NUMBER
25 OF DAYS REQUIRED TO ADMINISTER LOCAL ASSESSMENTS AND THE TOTAL
26 TIME STUDENTS ANNUALLY SPEND TAKING LOCAL ASSESSMENTS, THE
27 TIMELINE FOR ADMINISTERING NEW OR ADDITIONAL LOCAL ASSESSMENTS,
28 THE TIMELINE FOR RECEIVING LOCAL ASSESSMENT RESULTS, AND THE
29 COMBINED IMPACT OF STATEWIDE AND LOCAL ASSESSMENTS ON
30 CLASSROOM INSTRUCTION;

31 (c) THE FEASIBILITY OF ALLOWING SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND
32 CHARTER SCHOOLS FLEXIBILITY REGARDING STATEWIDE REQUIREMENTS
33 FOR ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE AND FLEXIBILITY TO REDUCE THE AMOUNT
34 OF DOUBLE TESTING CAUSED BY ADMINISTERING BOTH STATEWIDE AND
35 LOCAL ASSESSMENTS, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO THE RESULTING
36 IMPACTS ON ACCOUNTABILITY, COMPARABILITY OF PERFORMANCE AMONG
37 PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND SCHOOL DISTRICTS, AND QUALITY OF EDUCATION;

38 (d) THE ABILITY OF SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND CHARTER SCHOOLS TO
39 IMPLEMENT STANDARDS AND ASSESSMENTS IN COMPLIANCE WITH SECTION
40 22-7-1013 AND TO IMPLEMENT PART 12 OF THIS ARTICLE, INCLUDING BUT
41 NOT LIMITED TO AVAILABLE RESOURCES FOR CREATING OR PURCHASING

1 AND IMPLEMENTING CURRICULA, INCLUDING TEXTBOOKS; THE EXTENT OF
2 BROADBAND ACCESS AND THE AVAILABILITY OF TECHNOLOGY WITHIN
3 SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND CHARTER SCHOOLS; AND THE ADEQUACY OF
4 STAFFING AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT FOR STAFF WITHIN SCHOOL
5 DISTRICTS AND CHARTER SCHOOLS;

6 (e) THE FEASIBILITY AND CONSEQUENCES OF EXTENDING
7 TIMELINES AND IMPLEMENTING HOLD HARMLESS PERIODS IN ALL STATE
8 ACCOUNTABILITY SYSTEMS FOR SCHOOL DISTRICTS, THE STATE CHARTER
9 SCHOOL INSTITUTE, PUBLIC SCHOOLS, AND EDUCATORS; AND

10 (f) THE FEASIBILITY AND CONSEQUENCES OF ALLOWING PARENTS
11 TO EXCUSE THEIR CHILDREN FROM STATEWIDE ASSESSMENT PROGRAMS
12 WITHOUT NEGATIVELY IMPACTING INDIVIDUAL SCHOOL DISTRICTS, PUBLIC
13 SCHOOLS, TEACHERS, OR PRINCIPALS.

14 (3) THE WORKING GROUP, WITH ASSISTANCE FROM THE
15 DEPARTMENT, SHALL SUBMIT A REPORT OF ITS FINDINGS, INCLUDING
16 LEGISLATIVE RECOMMENDATIONS, IF ANY, TO THE STATE BOARD OF
17 EDUCATION. THE WORKING GROUP MAY SUBMIT A MAJORITY AND A
18 MINORITY REPORT. THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION AND THE
19 COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION SHALL PRESENT THE MAJORITY REPORT AND
20 MINORITY REPORT, IF ANY, IN ADDITION TO THE ITEMS SPECIFIED IN
21 SECTION 2-7-203 (2) (a), C.R.S., AT A JOINT MEETING OF THE EDUCATION
22 COMMITTEES OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, OR
23 ANY SUCCESSOR COMMITTEES, WHICH IS HELD DURING THE LEGISLATIVE
24 INTERIM IN 2014 AS REQUIRED IN SECTION 2-7-203, C.R.S.

25 (4) THIS SECTION IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015.

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

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