

HB1323\_L.027

## HOUSE COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE AMENDMENT

Committee on Education.HB15-1323 be amended as follows:

1 Amend printed bill, page 3, line 2, after "22-7-1006.3" insert "and  
2 22-7-1006.5".

3 Page 12, after line 22 insert:

4 **"22-7-1006.5. Alternative assessment system - pilot program**  
5 **- federal waiver.** (1) THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION SHALL CREATE A  
6 PILOT PROGRAM THROUGH WHICH A LIMITED NUMBER OF VOLUNTEER  
7 LOCAL EDUCATION PROVIDERS MAY JOINTLY DEVELOP, OR SELECT, AND  
8 ADMINISTER AN ASSESSMENT IN EACH OF THE AREAS OF ENGLISH  
9 LANGUAGE ARTS, MATHEMATICS, SCIENCE, AND SOCIAL STUDIES TO  
10 ESTABLISH THE NECESSARY DATA AND FOUNDATION TO SUPPORT A  
11 WAIVER OF THE FEDERAL ASSESSMENT REQUIREMENTS AND TO ESTABLISH  
12 AN ALTERNATIVE STATE NORM-REFERENCED AND NATIONALLY  
13 NORM-REFERENCED ASSESSMENT THAT LOCAL EDUCATION PROVIDERS  
14 MAY CHOOSE TO ADMINISTER.

15 (2) A LOCAL EDUCATION PROVIDER MAY APPLY TO THE  
16 DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PILOT PROGRAM BY  
17 SUBMITTING AN APPLICATION NO LATER THAN SEPTEMBER 1, 2015. A  
18 LOCAL EDUCATION PROVIDER THAT PARTICIPATES IN THE PILOT PROGRAM  
19 MUST CONTINUE TO ADMINISTER THE STATE ASSESSMENTS AS REQUIRED  
20 IN SECTION 22-7-1006.3 (1) DURING THE TERM OF THE PILOT PROGRAM.  
21 EACH LOCAL EDUCATION PROVIDER THAT PARTICIPATES IN THE PILOT  
22 PROGRAM MUST PAY ANY COSTS THAT IT MAY INCUR AS A PARTICIPANT  
23 AND MUST ENSURE THAT IT WORKS WITH EDUCATORS IN DEVELOPING OR  
24 SELECTING THE ASSESSMENTS.

25 (3) (a) THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION SHALL SPECIFY THE  
26 INFORMATION THAT A LOCAL EDUCATION PROVIDER MUST SUBMIT TO  
27 APPLY FOR THE PILOT PROGRAM AND THE EXPECTATIONS AND  
28 REQUIREMENTS FOR PARTICIPATING IN THE PILOT PROGRAM.

29 (b) NO LATER THAN OCTOBER 1, 2015, THE DEPARTMENT OF  
30 EDUCATION SHALL SELECT THE LOCAL EDUCATION PROVIDERS THAT WILL  
31 PARTICIPATE IN THE PILOT PROGRAM FROM AMONG THOSE THAT APPLY. IN  
32 SELECTING PARTICIPANTS, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ENSURE THAT NO  
33 MORE THAN FIFTEEN PERCENT OF THE TOTAL NUMBER OF STUDENTS  
34 ENROLLED IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS OF THE STATE FOR THE 2015-16  
35 SCHOOL YEAR ARE INCLUDED IN THE PILOT PROGRAM.

36 (4) IN DESIGNING THE PILOT PROGRAM, THE DEPARTMENT OF

1 EDUCATION MUST ENSURE THAT THE RESULTING COMBINATION OF STATE  
2 AND LOCAL ASSESSMENTS SUPPORTS USE OF THE COLORADO GROWTH  
3 MODEL AS DEFINED IN SECTION 22-11-103, PROVIDES VALID DATA, WHICH  
4 CAN BE DISAGGREGATED BY STUDENT GROUP, FOR CREDIBLE STATEWIDE  
5 ACCOUNTABILITY AND USE IN MEASURING EDUCATOR EFFECTIVENESS, AND  
6 PROVIDES FLEXIBILITY FOR LOCAL EDUCATION PROVIDERS.

7 (5) NO LATER THAN JANUARY 1, 2016, THE COLORADO  
8 DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION SHALL APPLY TO THE FEDERAL DEPARTMENT  
9 OF EDUCATION FOR A WAIVER TO IMPLEMENT THE PILOT PROGRAM AS  
10 DESCRIBED IN THIS SECTION AND DESIGNED BY THE COLORADO  
11 DEPARTMENT. THE COLORADO DEPARTMENT SHALL PROVIDE A COPY OF  
12 THE WAIVER REQUEST, WHEN SUBMITTED, AND THE RESPONSE RECEIVED  
13 FROM THE FEDERAL DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO THE EDUCATION  
14 COMMITTEES OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, OR  
15 ANY SUCCESSOR COMMITTEES. THE COLORADO DEPARTMENT AND THE  
16 PILOT PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS SHALL WORK WITH THE FEDERAL  
17 DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AS NECESSARY TO SUCCESSFULLY  
18 IMPLEMENT THE PILOT PROGRAM."

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