

**UPDATED SUMMARY  
SENATE BILL 15-223**

**First Regular Session - Seventieth Colorado General Assembly**

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*This summary applies to the reengrossed version of this bill as introduced in the second house. It does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. This summary reflects only the main points of the legislation.*

The bill requires a school district, a board of cooperative services that operates a school, or a charter school (local education provider) to allow a parent to excuse his or her child from participating in a standardized assessment that is required by the state. ~~or by the local education provider.~~ Each local education provider must adopt a written policy that a parent may follow to excuse his or her student from taking the standardized *state* assessment. The department of education and the local education provider cannot penalize the student, the student's teacher and principal, or the public school that the student attends, and the department cannot penalize the local education provider that enrolls the student, if the parent excuses the student from taking the standardized *state* assessment. *If the assessment scores of the students who take a standardized state assessment result in a lower effectiveness rating for an educator, a lower performance plan for a public school, or a lower accreditation rating for a local education provider, that is not considered a penalty and is not prohibited by the bill. Each local education provider must continue to make good faith efforts to ensure that all students take the standardized state assessments and is prohibited from encouraging parents to excuse their students from taking the assessments.*

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