

SB256\_L.051

## HOUSE COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE REPORT

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 Chairman of Committee

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 Date
Committee on Education.

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

SB09-256 be amended as follows:

1 Amend reengrossed bill, page 54, strike lines 4 through 27 and substitute  
2 the following:

3 "SECTION 30. Part 1 of article 2 of title 22, Colorado Revised  
4 Statutes, is amended BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION to  
5 read:

6 **22-2-135. State residential schools - legislative declaration -**  
7 **feasibility study - repeal.** (1) THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FINDS THAT  
8 SOME STATES HAVE CREATED RESIDENTIAL SCHOOLS TO PROVIDE  
9 EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS AND STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES FOR STUDENTS  
10 WHO ARE AT RISK OF ACADEMIC FAILURE. THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
11 FURTHER FINDS THAT EARLY REPORTS OF RESULTS ACHIEVED BY SOME OF  
12 THESE SCHOOLS INDICATE THAT THIS MAY BE A PROMISING APPROACH TO  
13 REDUCING THE DROPOUT RATE, CLOSING THE ACHIEVEMENT GAPS, AND  
14 HELPING TO RAISE THE LEVEL OF ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT AMONG  
15 STUDENTS IN THE STATE. THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY THEREFORE FINDS  
16 THAT IT IS APPROPRIATE FOR THE COMMISSIONER TO STUDY THE  
17 FEASIBILITY OF CREATING ONE OR MORE STATE RESIDENTIAL SCHOOLS IN  
18 COLORADO.

19 (2) BEGINNING IN JULY 2009, THE COMMISSIONER SHALL STUDY  
20 THE FEASIBILITY OF OPERATING ONE OR MORE STATE RESIDENTIAL  
21 SCHOOLS TO SERVE STUDENTS WHO ARE IN NEED OF GREATER ACADEMIC  
22 SUPPORT AND WHO MAY BE AT RISK OF ACADEMIC FAILURE. AT A  
23 MINIMUM, THE FEASIBILITY STUDY SHALL ADDRESS AND MAKE



1 RECOMMENDATIONS CONCERNING THE FOLLOWING ISSUES:

2 (a) THE GOALS THAT A STATE RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL WOULD BE  
3 DESIGNED TO ACHIEVE AND A METHOD FOR MEASURING THE LEVEL OF  
4 ACHIEVEMENT OF THOSE GOALS. IN ADDRESSING THIS ISSUE, THE  
5 COMMISSIONER SHALL PROVIDE AN OVERVIEW OF THE STATE RESIDENTIAL  
6 SCHOOLS OPERATING IN OTHER STATES, THE GOALS THAT THEY ARE  
7 DESIGNED TO ACHIEVE, AND THE DEGREE TO WHICH THEY HAVE ACHIEVED  
8 OR ARE ACHIEVING THOSE GOALS.

9 (b) THE APPROPRIATE STUDENT POPULATION TO BE SERVED BY A  
10 STATE RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL AND THE MANNER OF SELECTING STUDENTS,  
11 THE NUMBER OF STATE RESIDENTIAL SCHOOLS THAT SHOULD BE  
12 CONSIDERED, AND APPROPRIATE LOCATIONS FOR STATE RESIDENTIAL  
13 SCHOOLS;

14 (c) THE GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE AND FUNDING FOR A STATE  
15 RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL, INCLUDING THE OPTIMAL LEVEL OF PER PUPIL  
16 FUNDING, FUNDING FOR CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION NEEDS, AND POTENTIAL  
17 PUBLIC AND PRIVATE FUNDING SOURCES;

18 (d) THE APPROPRIATE CURRICULUM FOR A STATE RESIDENTIAL  
19 SCHOOL, INCLUDING WHICH GRADE LEVELS A STATE RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL  
20 WOULD SERVE, THE LENGTH OF THE SCHOOL DAY AND SCHOOL YEAR FOR  
21 WHICH A STATE RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL WOULD OPERATE, AND WHETHER A  
22 STATE RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL SHOULD INCLUDE A FOCUS ON SPECIFIC  
23 SUBJECT MATTER AREAS; AND

24 (e) THE TYPES OF STUDENT AND FAMILY SUPPORT SERVICES THAT  
25 A STATE RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL WOULD PROVIDE, INCLUDING THE MANNER  
26 IN WHICH A STATE RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL WOULD COLLABORATE WITH  
27 STATE AND LOCAL AGENCIES IN PROVIDING THESE SERVICES.

28 (3) ON OR BEFORE FEBRUARY 1, 2010, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL  
29 SUBMIT TO THE EDUCATION COMMITTEES OF THE HOUSE OF  
30 REPRESENTATIVES AND THE SENATE THE FEASIBILITY STUDY DESCRIBED  
31 IN SUBSECTION (2) OF THIS SECTION FOR OPERATING ONE OR MORE STATE  
32 RESIDENTIAL SCHOOLS AND ANY LEGISLATIVE RECOMMENDATIONS THE  
33 DEPARTMENT MAY HAVE PERTAINING TO THE CREATION OF ONE OR MORE  
34 STATE RESIDENTIAL SCHOOLS.



1           (4) THE COMMISSIONER IS ENCOURAGED TO APPLY FEDERAL  
2 MONEYS RECEIVED PURSUANT TO THIS FEDERAL "AMERICAN RECOVERY  
3 AND REINVESTMENT ACT OF 2009", PUB.L. 111-5, TO THE EXTENT  
4 ALLOWED TO OFFSET THE COSTS INCURRED IN IMPLEMENTING THIS  
5 SECTION.

6           (5) THIS SECTION IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2010."

7           Strike pages 55 through 59.

8           Page 60, strike lines 1 through 3.

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