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LLS NO. 12-0895.01 Jerry Barry x4341 **SENATE BILL 12-172**

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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

upon assessments developed in conjunction with other states.

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

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

22-7-1006. Preschool through elementary and secondary education - aligned assessments - adoption - revisions. (1.5) COLORADO SHALL PARTICIPATE AS A GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER IN A CONSORTIUM OF STATES THAT FOCUSES ON THE READINESS OF STUDENTS FOR COLLEGE AND CAREERS BY DEVELOPING A COMMON SET OF ASSESSMENTS. IN ADOPTING THE SYSTEM OF ASSESSMENTS THAT IS ALIGNED WITH THE STATE STANDARDS FOR READING, WRITING, AND MATHEMATICS, THE STATE BOARD SHALL RELY UPON ASSESSMENTS DEVELOPED BY THE CONSORTIUM OF STATES. IN ADOPTING THE SYSTEM OF ASSESSMENTS THAT IS ALIGNED WITH ANY OTHER STATE STANDARDS, TO THE EXTENT POSSIBLE, THE STATE BOARD SHALL RELY UPON ASSESSMENTS DEVELOPED IN CONJUNCTION WITH OTHER STATES.

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