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SENATE BILL 13-217

SENATE SPONSORSHIP

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Senate Committees

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING AUTHORIZING THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO**
102 **CONSIDER ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION CAMPUSES IN**
103 **ESTABLISHING THE CRITERIA FOR ACCREDITATION CATEGORIES**
104 **FOR EACH SCHOOL DISTRICT AND THE STATE CHARTER SCHOOL**
105 **INSTITUTE, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, MAKING AN**
106 **APPROPRIATION.**

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>.)

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.
*Capital letters indicate new material to be added to existing statute.
Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.*

The bill authorizes the state board of education to consider the unique circumstances and challenges posed by students enrolled in alternative education campuses when establishing the criteria applied in determining the appropriate accreditation category for each school district and the state charter school institute.

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-11-207, **amend**
3 (2) (f) and (2) (g); and **add** (2) (h) as follows:

4 **22-11-207. Accreditation categories - criteria - rules.** (2) The
5 state board shall promulgate rules establishing objective, measurable
6 criteria that the department shall apply in determining the appropriate
7 accreditation category for each school district and the institute, placing
8 the greatest emphasis on attainment of the performance indicators. At a
9 minimum, the rules shall take into consideration:

10 (f) The progress a school district or the institute makes in
11 improving its performance and in moving closer to meeting the statewide
12 targets and its own targets; and

13 ~~(g) The school district's or the institute's compliance with the other~~
14 ~~requirements specified in the accreditation contract.~~ THE PERFORMANCE
15 OF STUDENTS ENROLLED IN THE SCHOOL DISTRICT'S OR INSTITUTE'S
16 ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION CAMPUSES, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE UNIQUE
17 PURPOSES OF THE CAMPUSES AND THE UNIQUE CIRCUMSTANCES OF AND
18 CHALLENGES POSED BY STUDENTS ENROLLED IN THE CAMPUSES; AND

19 (h) THE SCHOOL DISTRICT'S OR THE INSTITUTE'S COMPLIANCE WITH
20 THE OTHER REQUIREMENTS SPECIFIED IN THE ACCREDITATION CONTRACT.

21 **SECTION 2. Appropriation.** In addition to any other
22 appropriation, there is hereby appropriated, out of any moneys in the
23 general fund not otherwise appropriated, to the department of education,

1 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2013, the sum of \$17,580 and 0.2
2 FTE, or so much thereof as may be necessary, for accountability and
3 improvement planning activities related to the implementation of this act.

4 **SECTION 3. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,
5 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate
6 preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.