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HOUSE BILL 14-1078

HOUSE SPONSORSHIP

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House Committees  
Education

Senate Committees  
Education

A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING CHANGES TO THE PUBLIC EDUCATION ACCREDITATION  
102 STATUTES AS A RESULT OF LEGISLATIVE REVIEW OF THE RULES  
103 OF THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION, AND, IN CONNECTION  
104 THEREWITH, CLARIFYING THE TERM "PUBLIC SCHOOL" IN THE  
105 ACCREDITATION STATUTES.

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/bills summaries>.)*

The bill clarifies that, for purposes of the accreditation statutes, a

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.

SENATE  
Amended 2nd Reading  
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HOUSE  
3rd Reading Unamended  
January 21, 2014

HOUSE  
2nd Reading Unamended  
January 17, 2014

public school includes an on-line school but not an on-line program.

Under existing law, if a school district or the state charter school institute is in the accreditation category of accredited or accredited with distinction, the district's or the institute's accreditation contract is automatically renewed each year. The bill authorizes the department of education to automatically renew a district's or the institute's accreditation contract if the district or the institute is accredited with an improvement plan.

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

2           **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-11-103, **amend**  
3 (28) as follows:

4           **22-11-103. Definitions.** As used in this article, unless the context  
5 otherwise requires:

6           (28) "Public school" ~~shall have~~ HAS the same meaning as provided  
7 in section 22-1-101 and includes, but is not limited to, a district charter  
8 school, an institute charter school, ~~an on-line program, as defined in~~  
9 ~~section 22-30.7-102 (9)~~; and an on-line school, as defined in section  
10 22-30.7-102 (9.5).

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