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SENATE BILL 14-221

SENATE SPONSORSHIP

Kerr and Zenzinger, Todd

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(None),

Senate Committees
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House Committees

A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING REDUCING THE FREQUENCY OF ADMINISTERING THE
102 STATEWIDE ASSESSMENT IN SOCIAL STUDIES.

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 department of education (department) must administer the statewide assessment in social studies annually to students enrolled in a single selected elementary grade, middle school grade, and high school grade.

The bill delays administration of the social studies assessment in

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Capital letters indicate new material to be added to existing statute.
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high school by one year. After all of the students enrolled in the grade selected for testing in each elementary, middle, and high school in the state have taken the social studies assessment once, the department of education may choose to administer the social studies assessment annually to a representative sample of public schools so long as it administers the assessment in each public school at least once every 3 years. If the department chooses a 3-year assessment schedule, a school district or a charter school may ask the department to administer the test in a public school that is not scheduled.

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-7-409, **amend** (1)
3 (k) as follows:

4 **22-7-409. Assessments - repeal.** (1) Beginning in the spring
5 semester of 1997, the department shall implement the Colorado student
6 assessment program under which the department shall administer
7 statewide assessments adopted by the board pursuant to section 22-7-406
8 in the first priority areas of reading, writing, mathematics, and science.
9 The department shall administer the English versions of the state
10 assessments and may administer any assessments adopted by the board in
11 languages other than English, as may be appropriate for students with
12 limited English proficiency; except that any student who has participated
13 in the English language proficiency program, created pursuant to section
14 22-24-104, for more than a total of three school years shall be ineligible
15 to take the assessments in a language other than English. The statewide
16 assessments shall be administered as follows:

17 (k) Beginning in the 2013-2014 school year, and ~~each school year~~
18 IN SCHOOL YEARS thereafter, the department shall administer a
19 STANDARDS-BASED statewide assessment in social studies to students
20 enrolled in public elementary AND middle ~~and high~~ schools throughout

1 the state. ~~In specific grades to be determined by~~ BEGINNING IN THE
2 2015-2016 SCHOOL YEAR AND IN SCHOOL YEARS THEREAFTER, THE
3 DEPARTMENT SHALL ALSO ADMINISTER A STANDARDS-BASED STATEWIDE
4 ASSESSMENT IN SOCIAL STUDIES TO STUDENTS ENROLLED IN PUBLIC HIGH
5 SCHOOLS THROUGHOUT THE STATE. The department SHALL SELECT THE
6 SPECIFIC GRADES IN WHICH IT ADMINISTERS the social studies assessment
7 ~~shall be administered~~ TO ENSURE THAT IT ADMINISTERS THE ASSESSMENT
8 TO ALL STUDENTS ENROLLED IN THE SELECTED GRADES once in elementary
9 school, once in middle school, and once in high school. AFTER THE
10 DEPARTMENT HAS ADMINISTERED THE SOCIAL STUDIES ASSESSMENT TO
11 ALL STUDENTS ENROLLED IN THE SELECTED GRADES IN EACH ELEMENTARY
12 SCHOOL, EACH MIDDLE SCHOOL, AND EACH HIGH SCHOOL IN THE STATE
13 ONE TIME, THE DEPARTMENT MAY ADMINISTER THE SOCIAL STUDIES
14 ASSESSMENT IN A REPRESENTATIVE SAMPLE OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS EACH
15 SCHOOL YEAR SO LONG AS THE DEPARTMENT ADMINISTERS THE SOCIAL
16 STUDIES ASSESSMENT IN EACH PUBLIC SCHOOL AT LEAST ONCE EVERY
17 THREE YEARS. IF THE DEPARTMENT CHOOSES TO ADMINISTER THE SOCIAL
18 STUDIES ASSESSMENT IN A REPRESENTATIVE SAMPLE OF SCHOOLS, A
19 SCHOOL DISTRICT, FOR ONE OR MORE SCHOOLS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT
20 THAT ARE NOT INCLUDED IN THE REPRESENTATIVE SAMPLE , OR A CHARTER
21 SCHOOL THAT IS NOT INCLUDED IN THE REPRESENTATIVE SAMPLE, MAY
22 REQUEST THAT THE DEPARTMENT ADMINISTER THE ASSESSMENT IN THE
23 DISTRICT SCHOOL OR CHARTER SCHOOL. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL
24 ADMINISTER THE SOCIAL STUDIES ASSESSMENT IN THE REQUESTED SCHOOL
25 IN THE SCHOOL YEAR FOLLOWING THE SCHOOL YEAR IN WHICH IT RECEIVES
26 THE REQUEST.

27 **SECTION 2. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,

- 1 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate
- 2 preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.