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SENATE BILL 15-056

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING REDUCING THE FREQUENCY OF ADMINISTERING THE**
102 **STATEWIDE ASSESSMENT IN SOCIAL STUDIES, AND, IN**
103 **CONNECTION THEREWITH, MAKING AN 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>.)

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.

Under the bill, beginning in the 2015-16 school year, the

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Capital letters indicate new material to be added to existing statute.
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department 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 English language
12 learners; except that any student who has participated in the English
13 language proficiency program, created pursuant to section 22-24-104, for
14 more than a total of three school years shall be ineligible to take the
15 assessments in a language other than English. The statewide assessments
16 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, middle, and high schools throughout the
21 state. ~~In specific grades to be determined by~~ The department SHALL
22 SELECT THE SPECIFIC GRADES IN WHICH IT ADMINISTERS the social studies

1 assessment ~~shall be administered~~ TO ENSURE THAT IT ADMINISTERS THE
2 ASSESSMENT TO STUDENTS ENROLLED IN THE SELECTED GRADES once in
3 elementary school, once in middle school, and once in high school.
4 BEGINNING IN THE 2015-16 SCHOOL YEAR, THE DEPARTMENT MAY
5 ADMINISTER THE SOCIAL STUDIES ASSESSMENT IN A REPRESENTATIVE
6 SAMPLE OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS EACH SCHOOL YEAR SO LONG AS THE
7 DEPARTMENT ADMINISTERS THE SOCIAL STUDIES ASSESSMENT IN EACH
8 PUBLIC SCHOOL AT LEAST ONCE EVERY THREE YEARS. IF THE DEPARTMENT
9 CHOOSES TO ADMINISTER THE SOCIAL STUDIES ASSESSMENT IN A
10 REPRESENTATIVE SAMPLE OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS, A SCHOOL DISTRICT, FOR
11 ONE OR MORE OF THE SCHOOLS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT THAT ARE NOT
12 INCLUDED IN THE REPRESENTATIVE SAMPLE, OR A CHARTER SCHOOL THAT
13 IS NOT INCLUDED IN THE REPRESENTATIVE SAMPLE, MAY REQUEST THAT
14 THE DEPARTMENT ADMINISTER THE ASSESSMENT IN THE DISTRICT SCHOOL
15 OR CHARTER SCHOOL. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ADMINISTER THE SOCIAL
16 STUDIES ASSESSMENT IN THE REQUESTED SCHOOL IN THE SCHOOL YEAR
17 FOLLOWING THE SCHOOL YEAR IN WHICH IT RECEIVES THE REQUEST.

18 **SECTION 2. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-7-1006.3, amend**
19 **as added by House Bill 15-1323 (1) (a) introductory portion; and add (1)**
20 **(a) (III) as follows:**

21 **22-7-1006.3. State assessments - administration - rules.**
22 **(1) (a) Beginning in the 2015-16 school year, the department of**
23 **education, in collaboration with local education providers, shall**
24 **administer the state assessments in the instructional areas of English**
25 **language arts, mathematics, and science, AND SOCIAL STUDIES, as adopted**
26 **by the state board pursuant to section 22-7-1006, as follows:**

27 **(III) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ADMINISTER A STATE ASSESSMENT**

1 IN SOCIAL STUDIES TO STUDENTS ENROLLED IN PUBLIC ELEMENTARY,
2 MIDDLE, AND HIGH SCHOOLS THROUGHOUT THE STATE. THE DEPARTMENT
3 SHALL SELECT THE SPECIFIC GRADES IN WHICH TO ADMINISTER THE STATE
4 SOCIAL STUDIES ASSESSMENT, ENSURING THAT STUDENTS TAKE THE STATE
5 SOCIAL STUDIES ASSESSMENT ONCE IN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, ONCE IN
6 MIDDLE SCHOOL, AND ONCE IN HIGH SCHOOL; EXCEPT THAT THE
7 DEPARTMENT SHALL NOT ADMINISTER THE STATE SOCIAL STUDIES
8 ASSESSMENT TO STUDENTS ENROLLED IN TWELFTH GRADE. THE
9 DEPARTMENT SHALL ADMINISTER THE SOCIAL STUDIES ASSESSMENT IN A
10 REPRESENTATIVE SAMPLE OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS EACH SCHOOL YEAR,
11 ENSURING THAT IT ADMINISTERS THE SOCIAL STUDIES ASSESSMENT IN
12 EACH PUBLIC SCHOOL AT LEAST ONCE EVERY THREE YEARS. A SCHOOL
13 DISTRICT, FOR ONE OR MORE OF THE SCHOOLS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT
14 THAT ARE NOT INCLUDED IN THE REPRESENTATIVE SAMPLE, OR A CHARTER
15 SCHOOL THAT IS NOT INCLUDED IN THE REPRESENTATIVE SAMPLE, MAY
16 REQUEST THAT THE DEPARTMENT ADMINISTER THE ASSESSMENT IN THE
17 DISTRICT SCHOOL OR CHARTER SCHOOL. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL
18 ADMINISTER THE SOCIAL STUDIES ASSESSMENT IN THE REQUESTED SCHOOL
19 IN THE SCHOOL YEAR FOLLOWING THE SCHOOL YEAR IN WHICH IT RECEIVES
20 THE REQUEST.

21 **SECTION 3.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-7-1006.3, **amend**
22 **as added by Senate Bill 15-257** (1) (a) introductory portion; and **add** (1)
23 **(a) (III) as follows:**

24 **22-7-1006.3. State assessments - administration - rules.**
25 **(1) (a) Beginning in the 2015-16 school year, the department of**
26 **education, in collaboration with local education providers, shall**
27 **administer the state assessments in the instructional areas of English**

1 language arts, mathematics, and science, AND SOCIAL STUDIES, as adopted
2 by the state board pursuant to section 22-7-1006, as follows:

3 (III) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ADMINISTER A STATE ASSESSMENT
4 IN SOCIAL STUDIES TO STUDENTS ENROLLED IN PUBLIC ELEMENTARY,
5 MIDDLE, AND HIGH SCHOOLS THROUGHOUT THE STATE. THE DEPARTMENT
6 SHALL SELECT THE SPECIFIC GRADES IN WHICH TO ADMINISTER THE STATE
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8 SOCIAL STUDIES ASSESSMENT ONCE IN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, ONCE IN
9 MIDDLE SCHOOL, AND ONCE IN HIGH SCHOOL; EXCEPT THAT THE
10 DEPARTMENT SHALL NOT ADMINISTER THE STATE SOCIAL STUDIES
11 ASSESSMENT TO STUDENTS ENROLLED IN TWELFTH GRADE. THE
12 DEPARTMENT SHALL ADMINISTER THE SOCIAL STUDIES ASSESSMENT IN A
13 REPRESENTATIVE SAMPLE OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS EACH SCHOOL YEAR,
14 ENSURING THAT IT ADMINISTERS THE SOCIAL STUDIES ASSESSMENT IN
15 EACH PUBLIC SCHOOL AT LEAST ONCE EVERY THREE YEARS. A SCHOOL
16 DISTRICT, FOR ONE OR MORE OF THE SCHOOLS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT
17 THAT ARE NOT INCLUDED IN THE REPRESENTATIVE SAMPLE, OR A CHARTER
18 SCHOOL THAT IS NOT INCLUDED IN THE REPRESENTATIVE SAMPLE, MAY
19 REQUEST THAT THE DEPARTMENT ADMINISTER THE ASSESSMENT IN THE
20 DISTRICT SCHOOL OR CHARTER SCHOOL. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL
21 ADMINISTER THE SOCIAL STUDIES ASSESSMENT IN THE REQUESTED SCHOOL
22 IN THE SCHOOL YEAR FOLLOWING THE SCHOOL YEAR IN WHICH IT RECEIVES
23 THE REQUEST.

24 **SECTION 4. Appropriation.** For the 2015-16 state fiscal year,
25 \$935,180 is appropriated to the department of education. This
26 appropriation is from the state education fund created in section 17 (4) (a)
27 of article IX of the state constitution. To implement this act, the

1 department may use this appropriation for the Colorado student
2 assessment program.

3 **SECTION 5. Effective date.** (1) This act takes effect upon
4 passage; except that:

5 (a) Section 1 of this act takes effect only if House Bill 15-1323
6 and Senate Bill 15-257 do not become law;

7 (b) Section 2 of this act takes effect only if House Bill 15-1323
8 becomes law, in which case section 2 of this act takes effect on the
9 effective date of this act or the effective date of House Bill 15-1323,
10 whichever is later; and

11 (c) Section 3 of this act takes effect only if Senate Bill 15-257
12 becomes law, in which case section 3 of this act take effect on the
13 effective date of this act or the effective date of Senate Bill 15-257,
14 whichever is later.

15 (d) Section 4 of this act takes effect only if section 2 or 3 of this
16 act takes effect, in which case section 4 of this act takes effect on the
17 effective date of section 2 or 3 of this act.

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