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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING READING ASSESSMENTS FOR STUDENTS, AND MAKING AN**
102 **APPROPRIATION THEREFOR.**

Bill Summary

(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not necessarily reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted.)

Requires pupils in fourth through eleventh grades whose CSAP scores for reading are below proficient to attend classes designed to improve reading skills until the pupils' reading levels are at least proficient.

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

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.*

HOUSE
3rd Reading Unamended
April 17, 2001

HOUSE
Amended 2nd Reading
April 16, 2001

1 **SECTION 1.** 22-7-504 (1), (2), and (4), Colorado Revised
2 Statutes, are amended, and the said 22-7-504 is further amended BY THE
3 ADDITION OF A NEW SUBSECTION, to read:

4 **22-7-504. Pupil assessments - individual literacy plans - literacy**
5 **classes.** (1) The state board shall determine the satisfactory reading
6 readiness level for kindergarten pupils and literacy and reading
7 comprehension levels for pupils in first ~~second, and third~~ THROUGH TENTH
8 grades. ~~No later than December 1, 1997,~~ The state board shall, after
9 consultation with the state standards and assessments development and
10 implementation council created in section 22-7-404, approve and identify
11 to each school district instruments for assessing the reading readiness of
12 each pupil in kindergarten and the literacy and reading comprehension
13 level of each pupil in first ~~second, or third~~ THROUGH TENTH grade. The
14 state board shall promulgate rules to permit exceptions to the retention of
15 pupils in third grade pursuant to paragraph (a) of subsection (5) of this
16 section in cases that have special circumstances.

17 (2) Using the assessment instruments approved and identified by
18 the state board pursuant to subsection (1) of this section, ~~and beginning~~
19 ~~no later than the 1998-99 school year,~~ each school district shall annually
20 assess the reading readiness or literacy and reading comprehension level
21 of each pupil enrolled in kindergarten or first ~~second, or third~~ THROUGH
22 TENTH grade. The assessment may be done in conjunction with
23 assessments of the pupil's performance on the reading content standard
24 pursuant to part 4 of this article.

25 (4) The school district, USING ONE OR MORE RECOGNIZED
26 ASSESSMENT INSTRUMENTS, shall reassess each pupil's progress in the
27 individual literacy plan or the intensive literacy program AT LEAST each

1 semester. The pupil's individual literacy plan or the pupil's enrollment in
2 the intensive literacy program, whichever is applicable, shall continue
3 until the pupil is reading at or above grade level.

4 (4.5) THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY HEREBY FINDS AND DECLARES THAT,
5 FOR PURPOSES OF SECTION 17 OF ARTICLE IX OF THE STATE CONSTITUTION,
6 ASSESSING THE LITERACY AND READING SKILLS OF STUDENTS IS AN
7 IMPORTANT ELEMENT OF ACCOUNTABLE EDUCATION REFORM AND
8 THEREFORE MAY RECEIVE FUNDING FROM THE STATE EDUCATION FUND
9 CREATED IN SECTION 17 (4) OF ARTICLE IX OF THE STATE CONSTITUTION.

10 **SECTION 2. Appropriation.** In addition to any other
11 appropriation, there is hereby appropriated, out of any moneys in the state
12 education fund created in section 17 (4) of article IX of the state
13 constitution not otherwise appropriated, to the department of education,
14 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2001, the sum of one million three
15 hundred fifty-three thousand three hundred ten dollars (\$1,353,310), or so
16 much thereof as may be necessary, for the implementation of this act.

17 **SECTION 3. Effective date.** This act shall take effect at 12:01
18 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the ninety-day period after
19 final adjournment of the general assembly that is allowed for submitting
20 a referendum petition pursuant to article V, section 1 (3) of the state
21 constitution; except that, if a referendum petition is filed against this act
22 or an item, section, or part of this act within such period, then the act,
23 item, section, or part, if approved by the people, shall take effect on the
24 date of the official declaration of the vote thereon by proclamation of the
25 governor.