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Sponsors

Representative Duran
Senator Grantham

Short Title

Modern Technology Education
In Public Schools

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Status

This research note reflects the final version of the bill, which was signed by the Governor on April 24, 2017, and becomes effective August 9, 2017, assuming no referendum petition is filed.

Background

State academic standards. Under current law, by July 1, 2018, the State Board of Education (SBE) must review and revise as necessary the Colorado state academic standards. With the passage of House Bill 93-1313, Colorado began adopting and implementing statewide model academic standards to define the broad themes, ideas, skills, and concepts that the state expects students to learn and be able to demonstrate for postsecondary success. Fifteen years later, the General Assembly passed Senate Bill 08-212, Colorado's Achievement Plan for Kids (CAP4K), which called for the development of more rigorous statewide academic standards and for the alignment of the K-12 and postsecondary public education systems. In August 2010, the SBE adopted the Common Core State Standards (CCSS). A few months later, the Colorado Department of Education released the Colorado Academic Standards (CAS) for mathematics, reading, writing, and communicating, which incorporated the CCSS while maintaining unique aspects of the Colorado Academic Standards, such as personal financial literacy, 21st century skills, prepared graduate competencies, and preschool expectations.

House Action

House Education Committee (February 27, 2017). At the hearing, representatives from Colorado Succeeds, Galvanize, Courigan, the Colorado Technology Association, and six private citizens testified in favor of the bill. The committee adopted amendments L.002 and L.003, and

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referred the bill, as amended, to the House Appropriations Committee.

Amendment L.002 made several small technical changes to the bill. Amendment L.003 struck the portion of the bill that created a teacher grant program for computer science education.

House Appropriations Committee (March 3, 2017). The committee adopted amendment L.004 and referred the bill to the House Committee of the Whole. The amendment permits the Colorado Department of Education to seek, accept, and expend gifts, grants, or donations from private or public sources to create the resource bank established by the bill.

House second reading (March 7, 2017). The House adopted the House Education and Appropriations committee reports and passed the bill on second reading with no amendments.

House third reading (March 9, 2017). The House passed the bill on third reading with no amendments.

Senate Action

Senate Education Committee (March 23, 2017). At the hearing, representatives from Colorado Succeeds, the Colorado Technology Association, the Denver School of Innovation and Sustainable Design, and three private citizens testified in favor of the bill. The committee referred the bill to the Senate Committee of the Whole.

Senate second reading (March 29, 2017). The Senate passed the bill on second reading with no amendments.

Senate third reading (March 31, 2017). The Senate passed the bill on third reading with no amendments.

Relevant Research

Legislative Council Staff, *Academic Standards and the Common Core Issue Brief*, https://leg.colorado.gov/sites/default/files/14-04update_common_core_state_standards_ib.pdf