

HOUSE COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE REPORT

\_\_\_\_\_  
Chairman of Committee

February 27, 2017  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Committee on Education.

After consideration on the merits, the Committee recommends the following:

HB17-1160 be amended as follows, and as so amended, be referred to the Committee of the Whole with favorable recommendation:

1 Amend printed bill, page 2, after line 1 insert:

2 "SECTION 1. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-7-1202, **add** (3)  
3 as follows:

4 **22-7-1202. Legislative declaration.** (3) THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
5 FURTHER FINDS THAT:

6 (a) THE PURPOSE OF THIS PART 12 IS TO PROVIDE STUDENTS WITH  
7 THE NECESSARY SUPPORTS THEY NEED TO BE ABLE TO READ WITH  
8 PROFICIENCY BY THIRD GRADE SO THAT THEIR ACADEMIC GROWTH AND  
9 ACHIEVEMENT IS NOT HINDERED BY LOW LITERACY SKILLS IN FOURTH  
10 GRADE AND BEYOND;

11 (b) IT IS A PRIORITY IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS OF COLORADO TO  
12 PROVIDE HIGH-QUALITY INSTRUCTION THAT ENABLES EACH STUDENT TO  
13 ATTAIN PROFICIENCY IN ENGLISH, REGARDLESS OF THE STUDENT'S NATIVE  
14 LANGUAGE;

15 (c) RESEARCH DEMONSTRATES THAT A PERSON WHO HAS STRONG  
16 READING SKILLS IN ONE LANGUAGE WILL MORE EASILY LEARN AND  
17 BECOME LITERATE IN A SECOND LANGUAGE; AND

18 (d) WHILE THE "COLORADO READ ACT", PART 12 OF ARTICLE 7  
19 OF THIS TITLE 22, IS NOT DESIGNED TO MEASURE OR SUPPORT A STUDENT'S  
20 ACQUISITION OF ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE, ENSURING THAT A  
21 STUDENT HAS STRONG READING SKILLS IN HIS OR HER NATIVE LANGUAGE  
22 BY THIRD GRADE WILL HELP TO ENSURE THAT THE STUDENT WILL ATTAIN  
23 PROFICIENCY IN ENGLISH MORE QUICKLY."

24 Renumber succeeding sections accordingly.

\*\* \*\*\* \*\* \*\*\* \*\*