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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING MEASURES TO ENSURE THAT THE BASIC SKILLS  
102 PLACEMENT OR ASSESSMENT TESTS ADMINISTERED BY  
103 INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION ARE AVAILABLE FOR USE  
104 BY HIGH SCHOOLS.

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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://leg.colorado.gov>.)*

Under existing law, an institution of higher education (institution) is required to administer basic skills placement or assessment tests (tests) in English and math to matriculated students. The institution must select

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the tests from among those that meet standards established by the Colorado commission on higher education (CCHE). The bill prohibits an institution from using tests that are not available for use by school districts and high schools, including early colleges. CCHE must ensure that this requirement is included in the standards for these tests.

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 23-1-113, **amend**  
3 (1.5)(b) as follows:

4 **23-1-113. Commission directive - admission standards for**  
5 **baccalaureate and graduate institutions of higher education - policy**  
6 **- report - definitions.** (1.5) (b) (I) Each governing board shall adopt  
7 policies and procedures that are aligned with the policy established by the  
8 commission pursuant to ~~paragraph (a) of this subsection (1.5)(a) OF THIS~~  
9 SECTION and that ensure that, to the extent required by the commission  
10 policy, each matriculated student takes or has taken basic skills placement  
11 or assessment tests in English and mathematics. The institution that  
12 enrolls the student shall select which tests to use from among those that  
13 meet the standards established in the commission policy and shall  
14 administer the tests. The commission, in consultation with the governing  
15 boards, shall ensure the comparability of the placement or assessment  
16 tests for the purpose of providing consistent reporting data as such data  
17 are required by section 23-1-113.3 (4).

18 (II) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY PROVISION OF SUBSECTION (1.5)(b)(I)  
19 OF THIS SECTION TO THE CONTRARY, AN INSTITUTION SHALL NOT  
20 PURCHASE OR ADMINISTER A BASIC SKILLS PLACEMENT OR ASSESSMENT  
21 TEST THAT IS NOT MADE AVAILABLE BY THE TEST VENDOR FOR PURCHASE  
22 AND ADMINISTRATION BY SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND INDIVIDUAL SECONDARY  
23 SCHOOLS THAT INCLUDE GRADES NINE THROUGH TWELVE, INCLUDING

1 EARLY COLLEGES AS DEFINED IN SECTION 22-35-103. THE COMMISSION  
2 SHALL ENSURE THAT THE STANDARDS FOR BASIC SKILLS PLACEMENT OR  
3 ASSESSMENT TESTS ESTABLISHED BY COMMISSION POLICY INCLUDE THE  
4 REQUIREMENT SPECIFIED IN THIS SUBSECTION (1.5)(b)(II).

5 **SECTION 2. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,  
6 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate  
7 preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.