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HOUSE BILL 20-1135

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING REMOVING THE REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF**
102 **EDUCATION TO ADMINISTER A STATE ASSESSMENT IN SOCIAL**
103 **STUDIES TO HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS.**

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>.)

The bill replaces the requirement that the state assessment in social studies be administered to high school students with a requirement that high school students take the United States citizenship test in the year they are scheduled to graduate.

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.
Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material to be added to existing statute.
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HOUSE
3rd Reading Unamended
February 21, 2020

HOUSE
Amended 2nd Reading
February 20, 2020

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-7-1006.3, **amend**

3 (1)(a)(III) as follows:

4 **22-7-1006.3. State assessments - administration - rules.**

5 (1) (a) Beginning in the 2015-16 school year, the department of
6 education, in collaboration with local education providers, shall
7 administer the state assessments in the instructional areas of English
8 language arts, mathematics, science, and social studies, as adopted by the
9 state board pursuant to section 22-7-1006, as follows:

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11 (III) The department shall administer a state assessment in social
12 studies to students enrolled in public elementary AND middle ~~and high~~
13 schools throughout the state. The department shall select the specific
14 grades in which to administer the state social studies assessment, ensuring
15 that students take the state social studies assessment once in elementary
16 school AND once in middle school. ~~and once in high school; except that~~
17 ~~the department shall not administer the state social studies assessment to~~
18 ~~students enrolled in twelfth grade.~~ The department shall administer the
19 social studies assessment REQUIRED BY THIS SUBSECTION (1)(a)(III) in a
20 representative sample of public schools each school year, ensuring that it
21 administers the social studies assessment in each public school at least
22 once every three years. A school district, for one or more of the schools
23 of the school district that are not included in the representative sample, or
24 a charter school that is not included in the representative sample, may
25 request that the department administer the assessment in the district
26 school or charter school. The department shall administer the social

1 studies assessment in the requested school in the school year following
2 the school year in which it receives the request.

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4 **SECTION 2. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act
5 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the
6 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly (August
7 5, 2020, if adjournment sine die is on May 6, 2020); except that, if a
8 referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the
9 state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act
10 within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take effect
11 unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in
12 November 2020 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the
13 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.