

CHAPTER 44

EDUCATION - PUBLIC SCHOOLS

SENATE BILL 22-054

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AN ACT

CONCERNING THE ADDITION OF A RECOMMENDATION THAT A DISTRICT PUBLIC SCHOOL BE CONVERTED TO A COMMUNITY SCHOOL IF THE DISTRICT PUBLIC SCHOOL FAILS TO MAKE SUBSTANTIAL PROGRESS UNDER ITS TURNAROUND PLAN.

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

SECTION 1. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-11-209, **amend** (2)(a)(I)(D); and **add** (2)(a)(I)(F) as follows:

22-11-209. Removal of accreditation - recommended actions - review - appeal - rules. (2) (a) If a school district or the institute is accredited with a turnaround plan and the department determines that the school district or institute has failed to make substantial progress under its turnaround plan, or if the school district or institute has been on performance watch for the full five years, the commissioner shall assign the state review panel to critically evaluate the school district's or the institute's performance and to recommend one or more of the following actions:

(I) If the recommendation applies to a school district:

(D) That one or more of the district public schools be granted status as an innovation school pursuant to section 22-32.5-104 or that the local school board recognize a group of district public schools as an innovation school zone pursuant to section 22-32.5-104; ~~or~~

(F) THAT ONE OR MORE OF THE DISTRICT PUBLIC SCHOOLS BE CONVERTED TO A COMMUNITY SCHOOL, AS DEFINED IN SECTION 22-32.5-103 (1.5); OR

Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material added to existing law; dashes through words or numbers indicate deletions from existing law and such material is not part of the act.

SECTION 2. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-11-210, **amend** (5)(a)(IV) and (5)(a)(V); and **add** (5)(a)(VI) as follows:

22-11-210. Public schools - annual review - plans - supports and interventions - rules. (5) (a) If a public school fails to make adequate progress under its turnaround plan or continues on performance watch for the full five years, the commissioner shall assign the state review panel to critically evaluate the public school's performance, which evaluation must include at least one on-site visit to the public school. Upon completing the evaluation, the state review panel shall determine whether to recommend:

(IV) With regard to a district public school, that the district public school be granted status as an innovation school pursuant to section 22-32.5-104; ~~or~~

(V) That the public school be closed or, with regard to a district charter school or an institute charter school, that the public school's charter be revoked; OR

(VI) WITH REGARD TO A DISTRICT PUBLIC SCHOOL, THAT THE DISTRICT PUBLIC SCHOOL BE CONVERTED TO A COMMUNITY SCHOOL, AS DEFINED IN SECTION 22-32.5-103 (1.5).

SECTION 3. Act subject to petition - effective date. This act takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly; except that, if a referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take effect unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in November 2022 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.

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