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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING PROHIBITING THE ADMINISTRATION OF STATEWIDE
102 ASSESSMENTS TO STUDENTS ENROLLED IN NINTH GRADE.

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://www.leg.state.co.us/billsummaries>.)

Under current law, the department of education (department) administers state assessments in English language arts and mathematics to students enrolled in grades 3 through 9. The bill eliminates the ninth grade assessments in English language arts and mathematics.

Under current law, the department must administer a state assessment in science and social studies once to students enrolled in high

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Capital letters indicate new material to be added to existing statute.
Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.

school, but it cannot administer the assessment to students enrolled in twelfth grade. The bill prohibits the department from administering the state assessments in these subjects to students enrolled in ninth grade.

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); and **repeal** (1) (b) 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:

10 (I) The department shall administer a state assessment in English
11 language arts and a state assessment in mathematics to all students
12 enrolled in grades three through ~~nine~~ EIGHT in public schools throughout
13 the state.

14 (II) The department shall administer a state assessment in science
15 to students enrolled in public elementary, middle, and high schools
16 throughout the state. The department shall select the specific grades in
17 which to administer the state science assessment, ensuring that students
18 take the state science assessment once in elementary school, once in
19 middle school, and once in high school; except that the department shall
20 not administer the state science assessment to students enrolled in NINTH
21 OR twelfth grade.

22 (III) The department shall administer a state assessment in social
23 studies to students enrolled in public elementary, middle, and high
24 schools throughout the state. The department shall select the specific

1 grades in which to administer the state social studies assessment, ensuring
2 that students take the state social studies assessment once in elementary
3 school, once in middle school, and once in high school; except that the
4 department shall not administer the state social studies assessment to
5 students enrolled in NINTH OR twelfth grade. The department shall
6 administer the social studies assessment in a representative sample of
7 public schools each school year, ensuring that it administers the social
8 studies assessment in each public school at least once every three years.
9 A school district, for one or more of the schools of the school district that
10 are not included in the representative sample, or a charter school that is
11 not included in the representative sample, may request that the department
12 administer the assessment in the district school or charter school. The
13 department shall administer the social studies assessment in the requested
14 school in the school year following the school year in which it receives
15 the request.

16 (b) ~~As soon as practicable after May 20, 2015, the department of~~
17 ~~education shall apply to the federal department of education for a waiver~~
18 ~~of federal statutory and regulatory requirements as may be necessary to~~
19 ~~allow the department to satisfy the federal high school assessment~~
20 ~~requirements by administering assessments in English language arts and~~
21 ~~mathematics to students enrolled in ninth grade.~~

22 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-7-1016, **amend**
23 (4) (b) as follows:

24 **22-7-1016. Assessments in high school - transcripts.** (4) (b) A
25 student who demonstrates attainment of postsecondary and workforce
26 readiness while enrolled in ~~any of grades nine through twelve shall be~~
27 HIGH SCHOOL IS eligible to participate in a program through which the

1 student may earn postsecondary or career and technical education course
2 credits while enrolled in high school.

3 **SECTION 3. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,
4 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate
5 preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.