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**HOUSE BILL 17-1181**

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**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

101      **CONCERNING REQUIRING A SINGLE STATEWIDE END-OF-YEAR**  
102                    **ASSESSMENT FOR STUDENTS ENROLLED IN NINTH GRADE THAT IS**  
103                    **ALIGNED WITH THE TENTH-GRADE STATE ASSESSMENT, AND, IN**  
104                    **CONNECTION THEREWITH, REDUCING AN APPROPRIATION.**

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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, each local education provider must administer the state assessments in math and English language arts to ninth-grade students and must administer a state-selected assessment to tenth-grade

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.  
*Capital letters indicate new material to be added to existing statute.*  
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students. The bill repeals the requirement to administer the state assessment to ninth-grade students. Instead, local education providers must administer a state-selected ninth-grade assessment that is aligned with the ninth-grade content standards and the assessment administered to tenth-grade students. The department of education must ensure that, under the testing schedule, ninth-grade students take the state-selected assessment in the spring semester.

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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)(I), (2)(a), and (10); **repeal** (1)(b); and **add** (2)(a.5) 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 (b) ~~As soon as practicable after May 20, 2015, the department of~~  
15 ~~education shall apply to the federal department of education for a waiver~~  
16 ~~of federal statutory and regulatory requirements as may be necessary to~~  
17 ~~allow the department to satisfy the federal high school assessment~~  
18 ~~requirements by administering assessments in English language arts and~~  
19 ~~mathematics to students enrolled in ninth grade.~~

20 (2) (a) The department of education shall select and the state shall  
21 pay the costs of administering an assessment that is aligned with the state  
22 academic standards for students enrolled in ~~tenth~~ NINTH grade and with

1 the assessment selected pursuant to ~~paragraph (b) of this subsection (2)~~  
2 SUBSECTION (2)(a.5) OF THIS SECTION. Every five years, the department  
3 shall request competitive bids and contract for the assessment required in  
4 this ~~paragraph (a)~~. Each local education provider shall administer the  
5 assessment for students enrolled in tenth grade. Each local education  
6 provider shall administer the tenth-grade assessment on a schedule that  
7 the department annually sets SUBSECTION (2)(a). EACH LOCAL EDUCATION  
8 PROVIDER SHALL ADMINISTER THE NINTH-GRADE ASSESSMENT DURING THE  
9 SPRING SEMESTER ON A SCHEDULE THAT THE DEPARTMENT ANNUALLY  
10 SETS.

11 (a.5) THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION SHALL SELECT AND THE  
12 STATE SHALL PAY THE COSTS OF ADMINISTERING AN ASSESSMENT THAT IS  
13 ALIGNED WITH THE STATE ACADEMIC STANDARDS FOR STUDENTS  
14 ENROLLED IN TENTH GRADE AND WITH THE ASSESSMENT SELECTED  
15 PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (2)(b) OF THIS SECTION. EVERY FIVE YEARS,  
16 THE DEPARTMENT SHALL REQUEST COMPETITIVE BIDS AND CONTRACT FOR  
17 THE ASSESSMENT REQUIRED IN THIS SUBSECTION (2)(a.5). EACH LOCAL  
18 EDUCATION PROVIDER SHALL ADMINISTER THE ASSESSMENT FOR  
19 STUDENTS ENROLLED IN TENTH GRADE. EACH LOCAL EDUCATION  
20 PROVIDER SHALL ADMINISTER THE TENTH-GRADE ASSESSMENT ON A  
21 SCHEDULE THAT THE DEPARTMENT ANNUALLY SETS.

22 (10) For each fiscal year, the general assembly shall appropriate  
23 ~~moneys~~ MONEY in the annual general appropriation act to the department  
24 of education to fund administration of the state assessments as described  
25 in this section, including administration of the NINTH-GRADE  
26 ASSESSMENT, THE tenth-grade assessment, and the curriculum-based,  
27 achievement college entrance exam described in subsection (2) of this

1 section.

2 **SECTION 2. Appropriation.** To implement this act, the cash  
3 funds appropriation made in the annual general appropriation act for the  
4 2017-18 state fiscal year to the department of education for the Colorado  
5 student assessment program is decreased by \$642,786. This appropriation  
6 is from the state education fund created in section 17 (4) (a) of article IX  
7 of the state constitution.

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