A BILL FOR AN ACT

CONCERNING CRITERIA APPLIED IN DETERMINING PERFORMANCE RATINGS FOR ENTITIES IN THE ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY PUBLIC EDUCATION SYSTEM, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.

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.)

For purposes of determining annual accreditation categories for school districts and the state charter school institute (institute), and for determining a public school's performance plan, the bill requires the state
board of education (state board) to establish weighted values that assign
greater value to high school graduation rates that are based on more
rigorous course work requirements for achievement of a high school
diploma.

The bill requires the state board to compare school district
performance based on school district size to ensure that accreditation
categories are fairly and equitably assigned across school districts of
similar size.

The state board shall also assign greater value to public schools,
school districts, and the institute for graduation requirements that meet or
exceed the Colorado commission on higher education's suggested college
admission course requirements.

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

SECTION 1. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-11-204, amend
(5)(a)(I)(F), (5)(b)(I)(F), and (5)(c)(I)(F); and add (4)(a)(VI), (4)(b)(VI),
and (4)(c)(VI) as follows:

22-11-204. Performance indicators - measures. (4) The
department shall determine the level of attainment of each public high
school, each school district, the institute, and the state as a whole on the
postsecondary and workforce readiness indicator by using, at a minimum,
the following measures:

(a) For each public high school, the department shall calculate:

(VI) BEGINNING IN THE 2020-21 SCHOOL YEAR, THE PERCENTAGE
OF STUDENTS ENROLLED IN THE PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL WHO SUCCESSFULLY
COMPLETE AN ADVANCED PLACEMENT COURSE IN A SUBJECT OTHER THAN
ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS OR MATH AND EARN A SCORE OF THREE OR
HIGHER ON THE END-OF-COURSE ADVANCED PLACEMENT EXAM, THE
PERCENTAGE OF STUDENTS WHO SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETE A
CONCURRENT ENROLLMENT COURSE IN A SUBJECT OTHER THAN ENGLISH
LANGUAGE ARTS OR MATH AND EARN A GRADE OF "B" OR HIGHER IN THE
COURSE, AND THE PERCENTAGE OF STUDENTS WHO SUCCESSFULLY
COMPLETE AN INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE COURSE IN A SUBJECT OTHER THAN ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS OR MATH AND EARN A SCORE OF FOUR OR HIGHER.

(b) For each school district and the institute, the department shall calculate:

(VI) BEGINNING IN THE 2020-21 SCHOOL YEAR, THE OVERALL PERCENTAGE OF STUDENTS ENROLLED IN THE DISTRICT PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOLS OR INSTITUTE CHARTER HIGH SCHOOLS WHO SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETE AN ADVANCED PLACEMENT COURSE IN A SUBJECT OTHER THAN ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS OR MATH AND EARN A SCORE OF THREE OR HIGHER ON THE END-OF-COURSE ADVANCED PLACEMENT EXAM, THE PERCENTAGE OF STUDENTS WHO SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETE A CONCURRENT ENROLLMENT COURSE IN A SUBJECT OTHER THAN ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS OR MATH AND EARN A GRADE OF "B" OR HIGHER IN THE COURSE, AND THE PERCENTAGE OF STUDENTS WHO SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETE AN INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE COURSE IN A SUBJECT OTHER THAN ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS OR MATH AND EARN A SCORE OF FOUR OR HIGHER.

(c) For the state, the department shall calculate:

(VI) BEGINNING IN THE 2020-21 SCHOOL YEAR, THE OVERALL PERCENTAGE OF STUDENTS ENROLLED IN THE PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOLS OF THE STATE WHO SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETE AN ADVANCED PLACEMENT COURSE IN A SUBJECT OTHER THAN ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS OR MATH AND EARN A SCORE OF THREE OR HIGHER ON THE END-OF-COURSE ADVANCED PLACEMENT EXAM, THE PERCENTAGE OF STUDENTS WHO SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETE A CONCURRENT ENROLLMENT COURSE IN A SUBJECT OTHER THAN ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS OR MATH AND EARN A GRADE OF "B" OR HIGHER IN THE COURSE, AND THE PERCENTAGE OF STUDENTS WHO SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETE AN INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE COURSE IN A SUBJECT OTHER THAN ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS OR MATH AND EARN A SCORE OF FOUR OR HIGHER.
GRADE OF "B" OR HIGHER IN THE COURSE, AND THE PERCENTAGE OF
STUDENTS WHO SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETE AN INTERNATIONAL
BACCALAUREATE COURSE IN A SUBJECT OTHER THAN ENGLISH LANGUAGE
ARTS OR MATH AND EARN A SCORE OF FOUR OR HIGHER.

(5) The department shall determine the level of attainment of each
public school, each school district, the institute, and the state as a whole
on the performance indicator that concerns the progress made in closing
the achievement and growth gaps by using the following measures:

(a) (I) For each public school, the department shall disaggregate
by student group:

(F) For each public high school, the percentage of students
enrolled in the eleventh grade in the public high school who score at each
achievement level of the standardized, curriculum-based, achievement,
college entrance examination or the percentages of students enrolled in
each of the grade levels included in the public high school who score at
each achievement level on the assessments administered pursuant to
section 22-7-1006.3 by the public high school; the percentages of students
graduating from the public high school who receive a diploma that
includes a postsecondary and workforce readiness endorsement or an
endorsement for exemplary demonstration of postsecondary and
workforce readiness; the graduation and dropout rates; beginning in the
2016-17 school year, the percentages of students graduating from the
public high school who, in the school year immediately following
graduation from high school, enroll in a career and technical education
program, community college, or four-year institution of higher education;
and, beginning in the 2020-21 school year, the percentage of students
enrolled in the public high school who demonstrate college and career
readiness, based on the demonstration options available to the students enrolled in the public high school, at the higher achievement level adopted by the state board that indicates a student is prepared, without needing remediation, to enroll in general education core courses; AND, BEGINNING IN THE 2020-21 SCHOOL YEAR, THE PERCENTAGE OF STUDENTS ENROLLED IN THE PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL WHO SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETE AN ADVANCED PLACEMENT COURSE IN A SUBJECT OTHER THAN ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS OR MATH AND EARN A SCORE OF THREE OR HIGHER ON THE END-OF-COURSE ADVANCED PLACEMENT EXAM, THE PERCENTAGE OF STUDENTS WHO SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETE A CONCURRENT ENROLLMENT COURSE IN A SUBJECT OTHER THAN ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS OR MATH AND EARN A GRADE OF "B" OR HIGHER IN THE COURSE, AND THE PERCENTAGE OF STUDENTS WHO SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETE AN INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE COURSE IN A SUBJECT OTHER THAN ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS OR MATH AND EARN A SCORE OF FOUR OR HIGHER.

(b) (I) For each school district and the institute, the department shall disaggregate by student group:

(F) The overall percentage of students enrolled in the eleventh grade in the district public high schools or the institute charter high schools who score at each achievement level of the standardized, curriculum-based, achievement, college entrance examination or the percentages of students enrolled in each of the grade levels included in the public high schools who score at each achievement level on the assessments administered pursuant to section 22-7-1006.3 by the public high schools; the overall percentages of students graduating from the district public high schools, or the institute charter high schools, who
receive a diploma that includes a postsecondary and workforce readiness endorsement or an endorsement for exemplary demonstration of postsecondary and workforce readiness; the overall graduation and dropout rates for the district public high schools or the institute charter high schools; beginning in the 2016-17 school year, the overall percentages of students graduating from the district public high schools or the institute charter high schools who, in the school year immediately following graduation from high school, enroll in a career and technical education program, community college, or four-year institution of higher education; and, beginning in the 2020-21 school year, the overall percentage of students enrolled in the district public high schools or institute charter high schools who demonstrate college and career readiness, based on the demonstration options adopted by the district charter high school, school district, or institute charter high school, at the higher achievement level adopted by the state board that indicates a student is prepared, without needing remediation, to enroll in general education core courses; and, beginning in the 2020-21 school year, the overall percentage of students enrolled in the district public high schools or institute charter high schools who successfully complete an advanced placement course in a subject other than English language arts or math and earn a score of three or higher on the end-of-course advanced placement exam, the percentage of students who successfully complete a concurrent enrollment course in a subject other than English language arts or math and earn a grade of "B" or higher in the course, and the percentage of students who successfully complete an international baccalaureate course.
IN A SUBJECT OTHER THAN ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS OR MATH AND EARN
A SCORE OF FOUR OR HIGHER.

(c) (I) For the state, the department shall disaggregate by student
group:

(F) The percentage of students enrolled in the eleventh grade in
the public high schools in the state who score at each achievement level
of the standardized, curriculum-based, achievement, college entrance
examination or the percentages of students enrolled in each of the grade
levels included in the public high schools in the state who score at each
achievement level on the assessments administered pursuant to section
22-7-1006.3 by the public high schools; the overall percentages of
students graduating from the public high schools in the state who receive
diplomas that include postsecondary and workforce readiness
endorsements or endorsements for exemplary demonstration of
postsecondary and workforce readiness; the overall graduation and
dropout rates for the public high schools in the state; beginning in the
2016-17 school year, the percentages of students graduating from the
public high schools in the state who, in the school year immediately
following graduation from high school, enroll in a career and technical
education program, community college, or four-year institution of higher
education; and; beginning in the 2020-21 school year, the overall
percentage of students enrolled in the public high schools of the state who
demonstrate college and career readiness, based on the demonstration
options available to the students enrolled in each public high school, at
the higher achievement level adopted by the state board that indicates a
student is prepared, without needing remediation, to enroll in general
education core courses; AND, BEGINNING IN THE 2020-21 SCHOOL YEAR,
THE OVERALL PERCENTAGE OF STUDENTS ENROLLED IN THE PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOLS OF THE STATE WHO SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETE AN ADVANCED PLACEMENT COURSE IN A SUBJECT OTHER THAN ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS OR MATH AND EARN A SCORE OF THREE OR HIGHER ON THE END-OF-COURSE ADVANCED PLACEMENT EXAM, THE PERCENTAGE OF STUDENTS WHO SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETE A CONCURRENT ENROLLMENT COURSE IN A SUBJECT OTHER THAN ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS OR MATH AND EARN A GRADE OF "B" OR HIGHER IN THE COURSE, AND THE PERCENTAGE OF STUDENTS WHO SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETE AN INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE COURSE IN A SUBJECT OTHER THAN ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS OR MATH AND EARN A SCORE OF FOUR OR HIGHER.

SECTION 2. Appropriation. For the 2018-19 state fiscal year, $30,000 is appropriated to the department of education. This appropriation is from the general fund. To implement this act, the department may use this appropriation for information technology services.

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 (August 8, 2018, if adjournment sine die is on May 9, 2018); 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 2018 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.