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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, AND, IN CONNECTION**  
104 **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>.)*

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

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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SENATE  
Amended 2nd Reading  
May 28, 2020

HOUSE  
3rd Reading Unamended  
February 21, 2020

HOUSE  
Amended 2nd Reading  
February 20, 2020

they are scheduled to graduate.

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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)(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

1 school or charter school. The department shall administer the social  
2 studies assessment in the requested school in the school year following  
3 the school year in which it receives the request.

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5 **SECTION 2. Appropriation - adjustments to 2020 long bill. To**  
6 **implement this act, the cash funds appropriation from the state education**  
7 **fund created in section 17 (4)(a) of article IX of the state constitution,**  
8 **made in the annual general appropriation act for the 2020-21 state fiscal**  
9 **year to the department of education for the statewide assessment program**  
10 **is decreased by \$667,680.**

11 **SECTION 3. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act  
12 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the  
13 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly (August  
14 5, 2020, if adjournment sine die is on May 6, 2020); except that, if a  
15 referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the  
16 state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act  
17 within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take effect  
18 unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in  
19 November 2020 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the  
20 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.