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HOUSE BILL 20-1407

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING TEMPORARILY ALLOWING A COLORADO INSTITUTION OF
102 HIGHER EDUCATION TO DETERMINE WHETHER TO REQUIRE A
103 NATIONAL ASSESSMENT TEST SCORE AS AN ELIGIBILITY
104 CRITERION FOR ADMISSION FOR FIRST-TIME FRESHMAN
105 STUDENTS WHO GRADUATE FROM HIGH SCHOOL IN 2021.

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 governing board of an institution of higher education may, but

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.
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is not required to, require a national assessment test score as an eligibility criterion for admission for first-time freshman students who graduate from high school in 2021.

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 23-1-113, **amend**
3 (1)(b) as follows:

4 **23-1-113. Commission directive - admission standards for**
5 **baccalaureate and graduate institutions of higher education - policy**
6 **- report - definitions.** (1) (b) (I) The standards established for first-time
7 admitted freshman students ~~shall~~ **MUST** use a combination of high school
8 academic performance indicators and national assessment test scores for
9 eligibility criteria. The academic performance indicators may include, but
10 are not limited to, grade point average, class rank, and content standard
11 performance level assessments. The criteria established and the specified
12 performance levels ~~shall~~ **MUST** be consistent with the role and mission
13 established for each state-supported institution of higher education. In
14 considering the high school academic performance indicators, the
15 commission and the governing boards may take into account the rigor of
16 a student's high school academic preparation and the academic content of
17 the courses taken. In lieu of the established statewide criteria, each
18 governing board may use additional criteria for up to twenty percent of
19 the freshmen students annually admitted to each institution under the
20 governing board's control. Students who meet the minimum criteria for
21 admission are not guaranteed admission to the institution to which they
22 have applied, but they are eligible for consideration.

23 (II) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY LAW TO THE CONTRARY, THE
24 GOVERNING BOARD OF A STATE-SUPPORTED INSTITUTION OF HIGHER

1 EDUCATION MAY, BUT IS NOT REQUIRED TO, REQUIRE A NATIONAL
2 ASSESSMENT TEST SCORE AS AN ELIGIBILITY CRITERION OF ACADEMIC
3 ADMISSION STANDARDS FOR FIRST-TIME FRESHMAN STUDENTS WHO
4 GRADUATE FROM HIGH SCHOOL IN 2021.

5 **SECTION 2. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,
6 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate
7 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety.