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SENATE BILL 25-222

SENATE SPONSORSHIP

Bridges and Amabile, Kirkmeyer

HOUSE SPONSORSHIP

Sirota and Taggart, Bird

Senate Committees

Appropriations

House Committees

A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING REPEALING PROFICIENCY TESTS ADMINISTERED BY**
102 **SCHOOL DISTRICTS, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH,**
103 **REDUCING 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/>.)

Joint Budget Committee. The bill repeals proficiency tests administered by school districts. The bill reduces the cash fund appropriation to the department of education for use by career pathways for basic skills placement or assessment tests by \$50,000.

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.
Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material to be added to existing law.
Dashes through the words or numbers indicate deletions from existing law.

SENATE
2nd Reading Unamended
April 2, 2025

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **repeal** 22-32-109.5.

3 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-2-112, **amend**
4 (4)(a) as follows:

5 **22-2-112. Commissioner - duties - report - legislative**
6 **declaration.** (4) (a) The commissioner shall ensure that the department,
7 subject to available appropriations, annually allocates money to ~~school~~
8 ~~districts~~, district charter schools and institute charter schools to reimburse
9 them for the costs of administering developmental education placement
10 or assessment tests pursuant to ~~sections 22-32-109.5~~, SECTIONS
11 22-30.5-117 and 22-30.5-526 ~~respectively~~, to students enrolled in grades
12 nine through twelve. The department shall allocate money to offset the
13 costs incurred in administering each of the test units only once per student
14 while the student is enrolled in grades nine through twelve.

15 **SECTION 3.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-2-136, **amend**
16 (2)(a)(III) as follows:

17 **22-2-136. Additional duty - state board - individual career and**
18 **academic plans - standards - rules.** (2) In establishing the standards for
19 individual career and academic plans, the state board shall ensure, at a
20 minimum, that:

21 (a) Each individual career and academic plan includes a career
22 planning and guidance component and a portfolio that reflects, at a
23 minimum:

24 (III) For ~~school districts and~~ DISTRICT charter schools AND
25 INSTITUTE CHARTER SCHOOLS that choose to administer the developmental
26 education placement or assessment tests, the student's scores on the

1 developmental education placement or assessment tests administered
2 pursuant to section 22-30.5-117 OR 22-30.5-526, ~~or 22-32-109.5 (4)~~; any
3 intervention plan created for the student pursuant to those sections, and
4 the student's progress in meeting the intervention plan;

5 **SECTION 4. Appropriation - adjustments to 2025 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 2025-26 state fiscal
9 year to the department of education for use by career pathways for basic
10 skills placement or assessment tests is decreased by \$50,000.

11 **SECTION 5. Safety clause.** The general assembly finds,
12 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate
13 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety or for appropriations for
14 the support and maintenance of the departments of the state and state
15 institutions.