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HOUSE BILL 09-1304

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING THE IMPOSITION OF A TEMPORARY SUSPENSION IN**
102 **ADMINISTERING CERTAIN STATEWIDE STUDENT ASSESSMENTS**
103 **FOR THE PURPOSE OF MEETING STATE BUDGET RESTRICTIONS.**

Bill Summary

(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not necessarily reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted.)

For the 2009-10 and 2010-11 school years, prohibits the department of education from administering specified statewide assessments that are not specifically required by federal law.

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.
Capital letters indicate new material to be added to existing statute.
Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.

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

2 **SECTION 1.** 22-7-409, Colorado Revised Statutes, is amended
3 BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SUBSECTION to read:

4 **22-7-409. Assessments.** (5) THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FINDS
5 THAT, TO EFFECTIVELY OPERATE WITHIN THE EXTREME BUDGET
6 RESTRICTIONS FACING THE STATE DURING THE 2009-10 AND 2010-11
7 FISCAL YEARS, IT IS NECESSARY TO RESTRICT THE ADMINISTRATION OF
8 STATEWIDE STUDENT ASSESSMENTS TO ONLY THOSE ASSESSMENTS THAT
9 ARE SPECIFICALLY REQUIRED BY THE FEDERAL "NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND
10 ACT OF 2001", 20 U.S.C. SEC. 6301 ET SEQ. THEREFORE,
11 NOTWITHSTANDING ANY PROVISION OF THIS SECTION TO THE CONTRARY,
12 FOR THE 2009-10 AND 2010-11 SCHOOL YEARS, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL
13 NOT ADMINISTER A STATEWIDE ASSESSMENT IN WRITING TO A STUDENT
14 ENROLLED IN ANY OF GRADES THREE THROUGH EIGHT AND SHALL NOT
15 ADMINISTER ANY STATEWIDE ASSESSMENTS TO STUDENTS ENROLLED IN
16 GRADES NINE AND TEN.

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