



Hundredth Legislature - Second Session - 2008
Introducer's Statement of Intent
LB 1157

Chairperson: Ron Raikes
Committee: Education
Date of Hearing: February 26, 2008

The following constitutes the reasons for this bill and the purposes which are sought to be accomplished thereby:

LB 1157 would amend the Quality Education Accountability Act. The bill would amend Section 79-760.03 which establishes a statewide system for the assessment of student learning.

Subsection (2) would be amended to state that the grade levels for assessment and reporting would include grades three through eight and one grade in high school. It would also be amended to include a statement of purpose that the system would “comply with federal assessment and accountability requirements.”

Subsections (4) and (5) would be amended to specify the Educational Service Unit Coordinating Council rather than a majority of the E.S.U. administrators for the approval of assessment instruments in reading and mathematics.

Subsection (6) would be amended to strike a requirement that E.S.U.s be required to conduct a peer review of local district assessments annually. It would also be amended to allow districts to exclude reading and mathematics from the assessment portfolio after the implementation of statewide assessment instruments required by subsections (4) and (5).

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Senator Ron Raikes