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**HOUSE BILL 21-1067**

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**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

101      **CONCERNING A NATIONAL ASSESSMENT TEST SCORE AS AN ELIGIBILITY**  
102                    **CRITERION FOR ADMISSION TO A COLORADO INSTITUTION OF**  
103                    **HIGHER EDUCATION.**

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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 governing board of a state institution of higher education (institution) may, but is not required to, require a national assessment test score as an eligibility criterion for admission.

Each institution shall submit an annual report to the department of higher education concerning the first-time freshman cohort. The

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

department of higher education shall submit a collective annual report to the education committees of the house of representatives and the senate.

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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)(a), (1)(b), and (1)(c); and **add** (10.5) as follows:

4 **23-1-113. Commission directive - admission standards for**  
5 **baccalaureate and graduate institutions of higher education - policy**  
6 **- report - definitions - repeal.** (1) (a) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN  
7 SUBSECTION (1)(b) OF THIS SECTION, the commission shall establish and  
8 the governing boards shall implement academic admission standards for  
9 first-time freshmen and transfer students at all state-supported  
10 baccalaureate and graduate institutions of higher education in the state.  
11 The commission shall establish and may subsequently review and amend  
12 the standards after consultation with the governing boards of institutions.  
13 The academic admission standards for students who do not have in-state  
14 status, as determined pursuant to section 23-7-103, shall equal or exceed  
15 those established for determining admission of in-state students.

16 (b) (I) The standards established for first-time admitted freshman  
17 students must use ~~a combination of high school academic performance~~  
18 ~~indicators and national assessment test scores for~~ AS AN eligibility criteria  
19 CRITERION. The academic performance indicators may include, but are not  
20 limited to, grade point average, class rank, and content standard  
21 performance level assessments. ~~The criteria established and the specified~~  
22 ~~performance levels must be consistent with the role and mission~~  
23 ~~established for each state-supported institution of higher education.~~ In  
24 considering the high school academic performance indicators, the  
25 commission and the governing boards may take into account the rigor of

1 a student's high school academic preparation and the academic content of  
2 the courses taken. In lieu of the established statewide criteria, each  
3 governing board may use additional criteria for up to twenty percent of  
4 the freshmen students annually admitted to each institution under the  
5 governing board's control. Students who meet the minimum criteria for  
6 admission are not guaranteed admission to the institution to which they  
7 have applied, but they are eligible for consideration.

8 (II) ~~Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, the governing board~~  
9 ~~of a state-supported institution of higher education may, but is not~~  
10 ~~required to, require a national assessment test score as an eligibility~~  
11 ~~criterion of academic admission standards for first-time freshman students~~  
12 ~~who graduate from high school in 2021~~ THE GOVERNING BOARD OF A  
13 STATE-SUPPORTED BACCALAUREATE AND GRADUATE INSTITUTION OF  
14 HIGHER EDUCATION MAY, BUT IS NOT REQUIRED TO, REQUIRE A NATIONAL  
15 ASSESSMENT TEST SCORE AS AN ELIGIBILITY CRITERION.

16 (III) THE CRITERIA ESTABLISHED AND THE SPECIFIED  
17 PERFORMANCE LEVELS MUST BE CONSISTENT WITH THE ROLE AND MISSION  
18 ESTABLISHED FOR EACH STATE-SUPPORTED BACCALAUREATE AND  
19 GRADUATE INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION.

20 (10.5) (a) (I) ON OR BEFORE FEBRUARY 1, 2022, AND ON OR  
21 BEFORE EACH FEBRUARY 1 THEREAFTER, EACH STATE-SUPPORTED  
22 BACCALAUREATE AND GRADUATE INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION  
23 SHALL SUBMIT TO THE DEPARTMENT AN ANNUAL REPORT CONCERNING  
24 WHETHER THE INSTITUTION REQUIRED A NATIONAL ASSESSMENT TEST  
25 SCORE AS AN ELIGIBILITY CRITERION FOR THE CURRENT ACADEMIC YEAR'S  
26 FIRST-TIME FRESHMAN COHORT. THE INSTITUTION SHALL SUBMIT DATA,  
27 SUBJECT TO AVAILABILITY, FOR THE CURRENT ACADEMIC YEAR'S

1 FIRST-TIME FRESHMAN COHORT, INCLUDING:

2 (A) THE RACE AND ETHNICITY OF THE STUDENTS WHO COMPRISE  
3 THE COHORT;

4 (B) THE PERCENTAGE OF RESIDENT FIRST-GENERATION  
5 UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS, AS DEFINED BY SECTION 23-18-302 (12),  
6 FROM THE COHORT; AND

7 (C) THE PERCENTAGE OF STUDENTS FROM THE COHORT WHO ARE  
8 ELIGIBLE FOR A FEDERAL PELL GRANT.

9 (II) IN ADDITION TO SUBMITTING DATA FOR THE CURRENT  
10 ACADEMIC YEAR'S FIRST-TIME FRESHMAN COHORT, THE INSTITUTION  
11 SHALL ALSO INCLUDE:

12 (A) THE DATA THAT IT SUBMITTED FOR THE PREVIOUS FIRST-TIME  
13 FRESHMAN COHORTS IN PREVIOUS ANNUAL REPORTS PURSUANT TO THIS  
14 SECTION; AND

15 (B) THE PERCENTAGE OF STUDENTS FROM THE PREVIOUS  
16 FIRST-TIME FRESHMAN COHORTS IN PREVIOUS ANNUAL REPORTS WHO  
17 ENROLLED AND GRADUATED FROM THE INSTITUTION IN SUBSEQUENT  
18 ACADEMIC YEARS.

19 (b) NOTWITHSTANDING SECTION 24-1-136 (11)(a)(I) TO THE  
20 CONTRARY, ON OR BEFORE MARCH 1, 2022, AND ON OR BEFORE MARCH 1  
21 EACH YEAR THEREAFTER, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL SUBMIT TO THE  
22 EDUCATION COMMITTEES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND THE  
23 SENATE, OR ANY SUCCESSOR COMMITTEES, A REPORT INCLUDING THE  
24 INFORMATION DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (10.5)(a) OF THIS SECTION  
25 RECEIVED FROM EVERY INSTITUTION.

26 (c) THIS SUBSECTION (10.5) IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2032.

27 (11) As used in this section, unless the context otherwise requires:

1           (c) "National assessment test ~~scores~~" ~~include~~, SCORE" INCLUDES,  
2   but ~~are~~ IS not limited to, AN ACT test ~~scores~~ SCORE ~~and~~ OR SAT test  
3   ~~scores~~ SCORE.

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