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HOUSE BILL 14-1385

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING CREATION OF HIGH SCHOOL ACADEMIC GROWTH  
102 AWARDS TO CORRESPOND TO HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC AWARD  
103 CLASSIFICATIONS.

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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://www.leg.state.co.us/billsummaries>.)*

The bill creates an academic growth award to annually recognize the public high school in each classification that achieves the highest level of student academic growth. The classifications mirror the school groupings created by the statewide association for high school activities

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.  
Capital letters indicate new material to be added to existing statute.  
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for the sport of football. The awards are in the form of trophies that are designed to resemble the trophies presented for athletic achievement.

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 22-11-603.7 as  
3 follows:

4 **22-11-603.7. Academic growth awards - rules - definitions.**

5 (1) (a) THE STATE BOARD SHALL ANNUALLY PRESENT AN AWARD TO THE  
6 PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL THAT DEMONSTRATES THE HIGHEST LEVELS OF  
7 STUDENT ACADEMIC GROWTH WITHIN EACH CLASSIFICATION. THE AWARDS  
8 PRESENTED PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION MUST BE IN THE FORM OF  
9 TROPHIES THAT RESEMBLE THE TROPHIES PRESENTED FOR ATHLETIC  
10 ACCOMPLISHMENTS. THE TECHNICAL ADVISORY PANEL CONVENED  
11 PURSUANT TO SECTION 22-11-202 SHALL RECOMMEND TO THE STATE  
12 BOARD, AND THE STATE BOARD SHALL ESTABLISH BY RULE, THE METHOD  
13 BY WHICH TO IDENTIFY THE PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOLS THAT DEMONSTRATE  
14 THE HIGHEST RATE OF STUDENT LONGITUDINAL GROWTH IN ONE OR MORE  
15 SCHOOL YEARS, AS MEASURED BY THE COLORADO GROWTH MODEL.

16 (b) (I) AWARDS ISSUED PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION ARE KNOWN  
17 AS THE "5A ACADEMIC GROWTH AWARD", THE "4A ACADEMIC GROWTH  
18 AWARD", THE "3A ACADEMIC GROWTH AWARD", THE "2A ACADEMIC  
19 GROWTH AWARD", THE "1A ACADEMIC GROWTH AWARD", THE "8-MAN  
20 ACADEMIC GROWTH AWARD", AND THE "6-MAN ACADEMIC GROWTH  
21 AWARD".

22 (II) NOTWITHSTANDING THE PROVISIONS OF SUBPARAGRAPH (I) OF  
23 THIS PARAGRAPH (b), IN A YEAR IN WHICH THE STATEWIDE ASSOCIATION  
24 FOR HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES RENAMES THE CLASSIFICATIONS FOR THE  
25 SPORT OF FOOTBALL, THE STATE BOARD SHALL REName THE AWARDS

1 ISSUED PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION TO ENSURE THAT THE AWARDS MIRROR  
2 THE CLASSIFICATIONS FOR THE SPORT OF FOOTBALL.

3 (2) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY PROVISION OF THIS PART 6 TO THE  
4 CONTRARY, OF THE MONEYS AVAILABLE FOR AWARDS PURSUANT TO THIS  
5 PART 6, IN THE 2014-15 BUDGET YEAR AND EACH BUDGET YEAR  
6 THEREAFTER, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL USE UP TO ONE THOUSAND FIVE  
7 HUNDRED DOLLARS TO AWARD TROPHIES PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION. THE  
8 DEPARTMENT SHALL APPORTION THE REMAINDER OF THE MONEYS  
9 AVAILABLE FOR AWARDS AS PROVIDED IN SECTIONS 22-11-602, 22-11-603,  
10 AND 22-11-603.5.

11 (3) AS USED IN THIS SECTION, "CLASSIFICATION" MEANS THE  
12 GROUPING OF SCHOOLS ESTABLISHED BIENNIALLY BY THE STATEWIDE  
13 ASSOCIATION FOR HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES FOR THE SPORT OF FOOTBALL.

14 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-11-601, **amend**  
15 (2) as follows:

16 **22-11-601. Colorado school awards program - created - rules.**

17 (2) In addition to the monetary awards made and distributed pursuant to  
18 sections 22-11-602, 22-11-603, 22-11-603.5, and 22-11-605, the state  
19 board may annually apply moneys from the school awards program fund  
20 created in section 22-11-605 to provide tangible items of recognition,  
21 such as banners or trophies, to schools that are identified as eligible to  
22 receive the John Irwin schools of excellence awards, the governor's  
23 distinguished improvement awards, ~~and~~ the centers of excellence awards,  
24 AND THE ACADEMIC GROWTH AWARDS CREATED IN SECTION 22-11-603.7.

25 **SECTION 3. No appropriation.** The general assembly has  
26 determined that this act can be implemented within existing  
27 appropriations, and therefore no separate appropriation of state moneys

1 is necessary to carry out the purposes of this act.

2           **SECTION 4. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act  
3 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the  
4 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly (August  
5 6, 2014, if adjournment sine die is on May 7, 2014); except that, if a  
6 referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the  
7 state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act  
8 within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take effect  
9 unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in  
10 November 2014 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the  
11 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.