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SB22-137

SB22-137: Transition Back To Standard K-12 Accountability

- Sponsors: Sen. Rachel Zenzinger (D), Sen. Don Coram (R), Rep. Barbara McLachlan (D), Rep. Mary Young (D)
- The bill was signed into law by the Governor and it took effect on April 13, 2022

Description

Concerning measures related to the transitional return to standard education accountability.

Overview

In the annual report on the attainment level of public schools and districts for 2021-22, the Colorado Department of Education (CDE) must include data concerning the percentage of students who contributed to the state longitudinal academic growth indicator. For schools and districts under performance watch, the bill requires CDE to count the accreditation rating for 2023-24 as if it were consecutive with the 2019-20 school year for the purpose of calculating consecutive years on performance watch.

The State Board of Education (SBE) may consider a school or district's accreditation rating for the 2022-23 school year in determining whether to continue previously required or direct new state Interventions. This new law allows the SBE to award school transformation grants in FY 2022-23 for up to three budget years to school districts, the Charter School Institute, or charter schools that are implementing an improvement plan.

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School Impact

School districts may see some changes in funding. Beginning in FY 2023-24, this law will decrease the state share of school finance by \$136.8 million by removing preschool enrollment from the school finance formula; districts will instead receive state funding for preschool students through the universal preschool program. Some additional schools and districts may be eligible to receive assistance from the School Transformation Grant Program, increasing revenue and workload for those districts.