

SB24-070 Remote Testing & Online Education Programs

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Overview

The Bill allows online education programs to offer remote state assessment testing to its students. The Department of Education is required to develop, review, and update state testing administration and security policies for virtual computer-based state testing for students enrolled full time in online schools or programs.

The policies to be updated include: testing personnel qualifications, maximum ratio of students per virtual administrator, remote setting requirements, including restriction to other devices or people with or without internet capabilities, test taker monitoring, device and network requirements, parental consent requirements, and eligibility for schools to conduct assessments.

The Department is set to support the collection of evidence and evaluation of assessment results for test administration in the 2024-25 school year, with the expectation that the 2025-2026 school year will result in full implementation. 2024-25 will be a validation year with expected full implementation for the 2025-2026 school year. The legislation allocates \$440,000 for its implementation.

School Impact

This legislation allows online schools to conduct state assessments remotely. The 2024-2025 school year will be used to pilot these remote assessments with the expectation that the remote assessment program will be fully implemented in the 2025-2026 school year. Students and educators may be compensated for participating in validation activities evaluating the comparability of home-based virtual state assessments and school based-in person state assessments.

Online schools and programs will have to adjust to different proctor and scoring protocols to allow online students to participate in CMAS remotely.

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