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SENATE BILL 07-131

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING A REQUIREMENT THAT SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARDS OF**
102 **EDUCATION ADOPT GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS IN CERTAIN**
103 **SUBJECTS.**

Bill Summary

(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not necessarily reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted.)

Requires each school district board of education to require students, while in high school, to complete 4 years of math courses and 4 years of science courses as a condition of high school graduation. Specifies that the math and science graduation requirements apply to students enrolling in 9th grade on or after July 1, 2009. Directs the school district boards of education to report annually to the state board of

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.
Capital letters indicate new material to be added to existing statute.
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education concerning the graduation requirements adopted and progress in implementing them.

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

2 **SECTION 1.** 22-32-109 (1), Colorado Revised Statutes, is
3 amended BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW PARAGRAPH to read:

4 **22-32-109. Board of education - specific duties.** (1) In addition
5 to any other duty required to be performed by law, each board of
6 education shall have and perform the following specific duties:

7 (kk) (I) TO REQUIRE STUDENTS WHILE ENROLLED IN HIGH SCHOOL
8 TO ACHIEVE PASSING GRADES IN THE EQUIVALENT OF AT LEAST FOUR
9 YEARS OF COURSES IN MATHEMATICS AND FOUR YEARS OF COURSES IN
10 SCIENCE AS A CONDITION OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION. EACH BOARD OF
11 EDUCATION SHALL SPECIFY THE COURSES A STUDENT MAY TAKE TO
12 SATISFY THE MATHEMATICS AND SCIENCE COURSE REQUIREMENTS.

13 (II) THE CONDITIONS OF GRADUATION ADOPTED BY EACH BOARD
14 OF EDUCATION PURSUANT TO SUBPARAGRAPH (I) OF THIS PARAGRAPH (kk)
15 SHALL APPLY TO STUDENTS ENROLLING IN NINTH GRADE ON OR AFTER
16 JULY 1, 2009.

17 (III) ON OR BEFORE JULY 1, 2008, AND ON OR BEFORE JULY 1 EACH
18 YEAR THEREAFTER, EACH BOARD OF EDUCATION SHALL REPORT TO THE
19 STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION THE LOCAL BOARD'S PROGRESS IN ADOPTING
20 AND IMPLEMENTING THE CONDITIONS OF GRADUATION SPECIFIED IN THIS
21 SECTION.

22 **SECTION 2. Effective date.** This act shall take effect at 12:01
23 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the ninety-day period after
24 final adjournment of the general assembly that is allowed for submitting
25 a referendum petition pursuant to article V, section 1 (3) of the state

1 constitution, (August 8, 2007, if adjournment sine die is on May 9, 2007);
2 except that, if a referendum petition is filed against this act or an item,
3 section, or part of this act within such period, then the act, item, section,
4 or part, if approved by the people, shall take effect on the date of the
5 official declaration of the vote thereon by proclamation of the governor.