

BILL SUMMARY
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Impact:	Estimate of \$1 million savings-2014-15

Research Analysis

Beginning with the 2014-2015 school year, the measure prohibits the State Board of Education from developing and administering tests for grades three through eight not required by federal law. Additionally, it removes the requirement for testing in grades three and four in social studies and English; geography in grade 7; and social studies and English in grade eight. It also removes the requirement for a fine arts assessment and annual district report.

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Fiscal Analysis

State Department of Education personnel estimate about \$1 million is savings for eliminating tests in Grade 5 Social Studies and Writing, Grade 8 U.S. History and Writing, and Grade 7 Geography for 2014-15.

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Other Considerations

None at this time.