A BILL FOR AN ACT

Concerning temporarily allowing a Colorado institution of higher education to determine whether to require a national assessment test score as an eligibility criterion for admission for first-time freshman students who graduate from high school in 2021.

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://leg.colorado.gov.)

The governing board of an institution of higher education may, but
is not required to, require a national assessment test score as an eligibility criterion for admission for first-time freshman students who graduate from high school in 2021.

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

SECTION 1. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 23-1-113, amend (1)(b) as follows:

23-1-113. Commission directive - admission standards for baccalaureate and graduate institutions of higher education - policy - report - definitions. (1) (b) (I) The standards established for first-time admitted freshman students shall MUST use a combination of high school academic performance indicators and national assessment test scores for eligibility criteria. The academic performance indicators may include, but are not limited to, grade point average, class rank, and content standard performance level assessments. The criteria established and the specified performance levels shall MUST be consistent with the role and mission established for each state-supported institution of higher education. In considering the high school academic performance indicators, the commission and the governing boards may take into account the rigor of a student's high school academic preparation and the academic content of the courses taken. In lieu of the established statewide criteria, each governing board may use additional criteria for up to twenty percent of the freshmen students annually admitted to each institution under the governing board's control. Students who meet the minimum criteria for admission are not guaranteed admission to the institution to which they have applied, but they are eligible for consideration.

(II) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY LAW TO THE CONTRARY, THE GOVERNING BOARD OF A STATE-SUPPORTED INSTITUTION OF HIGHER
EDUCATION MAY, BUT IS NOT REQUIRED TO, REQUIRE A NATIONAL
ASSESSMENT TEST SCORE AS AN ELIGIBILITY CRITERION OF ACADEMIC
ADMISSION STANDARDS FOR FIRST-TIME FRESHMAN STUDENTS WHO
GRADUATE FROM HIGH SCHOOL IN 2021.

SECTION 2. Safety clause. The general assembly hereby finds,
determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate
preservation of the public peace, health, or safety.