

SENATE COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE REPORT

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Chair of Committee

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Date

February 9, 2022

Committee on Education.

After consideration on the merits, the Committee recommends the following:

SB22-003 be amended as follows, and as so amended, be referred to the Committee of the Whole with favorable recommendation:

1 Amend printed bill, page 2, line 9, strike "OR CERTIFICATE in nursing."  
2 and substitute "in nursing OR A PRACTICAL NURSING CERTIFICATE."

3 Page 2, after line 23 insert:

4 "SECTION 2. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 23-1-133, **amend**  
5 (2)(a) introductory portion as follows:

6 **23-1-133. Commission directive - bachelor of science degree**  
7 **in nursing program - Aims community college - approval.** (2) (a) In  
8 determining whether to approve a bachelor of science degree in nursing  
9 program as a completion degree to students who have or are pursuing an  
10 associate degree in nursing OR A PRACTICAL NURSING CERTIFICATE for  
11 Aims community college pursuant to section 23-71-102 (1)(b)(II)(B), the  
12 commission shall consider the following criteria:

13 **SECTION 3.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 23-71-102, **amend**  
14 (1)(b)(II)(B) as follows:

15 **23-71-102. Definitions.** As used in this article 71, unless the  
16 context otherwise requires:

17 (1) (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (1)(a) of this  
18 section:

19 (II) Aims community college, in addition to its mission as a local  
20 district college, may also offer, as its board of trustees determines  
21 appropriate to address the needs of the communities within its service  
22 area:

23 (B) Bachelor of science degree in nursing programs, as a  
24 completion degree to students who have or are pursuing an associate  
25 degree in nursing OR A PRACTICAL NURSING CERTIFICATE, that are  
26 approved by the Colorado commission on higher education pursuant to  
27 section 23-1-133 (2)."

1 Renumber succeeding section accordingly.

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