

## CHAPTER 219

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**EDUCATION - POSTSECONDARY**


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**HOUSE BILL 17-1258**

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also SENATOR(S) Coram and Donovan, Aguilar, Crowder, Fields, Kerr, Martinez Humenik, Merrifield, Moreno, Scott, Todd, Zenzinger.

**AN ACT****CONCERNING RENAMING DELTA-MONTROSE TECHNICAL COLLEGE TO TECHNICAL COLLEGE OF THE ROCKIES.**

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

**SECTION 1. Legislative declaration.** (1) The general assembly finds and declares that:

(a) Colorado has established throughout the state a variety of research, baccalaureate, community, local district, and technical colleges;

(b) The state's three area technical colleges provide secondary and postsecondary career and technical education;

(c) The area technical colleges are not state institutions of higher education, but instead a part of their local school districts;

(d) The Delta-Montrose technical college was established in 1977 as a partnership between the Delta and Montrose school districts;

(e) The Delta-Montrose technical college provides career and technical education at secondary and postsecondary levels to students across a variety of geographic areas and communities in western Colorado;

(f) The Delta-Montrose technical college offers postsecondary certificates in important areas such as practical nursing, nurse assistants, emergency medical services, law enforcement, computer-aided design, early childhood, automotive,

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*Capital letters indicate new material added to existing statutes; dashes through words indicate deletions from existing statutes and such material not part of act.*

cosmetology, barbering, massage therapy, and business;

(g) Given some of the changing economic conditions of Colorado's western slope, maintaining a variety of postsecondary options, including a strong and vibrant career and technical education system, is critical; and

(h) Changing the name of Delta-Montrose technical college reflects the larger geographical boundaries of the technical college today and will enhance the geographic and reputational distinctiveness of the college.

(2) Therefore, the general assembly declares that to promote the availability of career and technical education throughout its service area, the Delta-Montrose technical college's name should be changed to the "technical college of the Rockies".

**SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 23-60-103, **amend** the introductory portion and (1) as follows:

**23-60-103. Definitions.** As used in this ~~article~~ ARTICLE 60, unless the context otherwise requires:

(1) "Area technical college" means a school offering approved postsecondary vocational programs for credit, operated by a local school district or by a board of cooperative services, and designated by the general assembly as an area technical college in conformity with standards established by the state board for community colleges and occupational education. Tuition rates and fees charged any person not enrolled in a secondary school curriculum ~~shall~~ MUST be uniform for any group classification. For the purposes of this ~~article~~ ARTICLE 60, the following schools are ~~declared to be~~ area technical colleges: The Emily Griffith technical college, the ~~Delta-Montrose~~ technical college OF THE ROCKIES, and the Pickens technical college.

**SECTION 3. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly (August 9, 2017, if adjournment sine die is on May 10, 2017); except that, if a referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take effect unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in November 2018 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.

Approved: May 20, 2017