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HOUSE BILL 18-1086

HOUSE SPONSORSHIP

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SENATE SPONSORSHIP

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House Committees

Health, Insurance, & Environment

Senate Committees

A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING ALLOWING COMMUNITY COLLEGES TO OFFER A**
102 **BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE IN NURSING.**

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 bill allows a community college that is part of the state system of community and technical colleges to offer a bachelor of science degree in nursing.

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

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.
Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material to be added to existing statute.
Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.

HOUSE
Amended 3rd Reading
February 12, 2018

HOUSE
Amended 2nd Reading
February 9, 2018

1 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 23-60-211, **amend**
2 (4); and **add** (5) as follows:

3 **23-60-211. Degrees.** (4) Subject to the approval of the Colorado
4 commission on higher education pursuant to section 23-1-133, the board
5 may establish at community colleges within the state system technical,
6 career, and workforce development bachelor of applied science degree
7 programs. NOTWITHSTANDING THE PROVISIONS OF SUBSECTION (5) OF THIS
8 SECTION, nothing in this section shall be construed to allow for the
9 approval of bachelor of arts or bachelor of science degree programs.

10 (5) SUBJECT TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF SECTION 23-1-113.7, AND
11 NOTWITHSTANDING THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 23-1-133, A COMMUNITY
12 COLLEGE THAT IS PART OF THE STATE SYSTEM OF COMMUNITY AND
13 TECHNICAL COLLEGES ESTABLISHED AND GOVERNED BY THIS PART 2 MAY,
14 WITH BOARD APPROVAL, OFFER A BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE IN
15 NURSING AS A COMPLETION DEGREE TO STUDENTS WHO HAVE OR ARE
16 PURSUING AN ASSOCIATE DEGREE IN NURSING. IN CONSIDERING WHETHER
17 TO APPROVE A REQUEST BY A COMMUNITY OR TECHNICAL COLLEGE TO
18 OFFER A BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING AS A COMPLETION DEGREE,
19 THE BOARD SHALL CONSIDER STUDENT AND WORKFORCE DEMAND, COST
20 EFFECTIVENESS FOR THE STUDENTS, AND ACCREDITATION AND LICENSING
21 REQUIREMENTS. A COMMUNITY OR TECHNICAL COLLEGE THAT IS SEEKING
22 BOARD APPROVAL SHALL PROVIDE THE BOARD WITH DATA REGARDING ITS
23 CURRENT PARTNERSHIPS WITH EXISTING BACHELOR OF SCIENCE NURSING
24 DEGREE PROGRAMS AND ITS PLANS TO CONTINUE SUCH PARTNERSHIPS. AT
25 LEAST NINETY DAYS PRIOR TO REQUESTING BOARD APPROVAL TO OFFER A
26 BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE IN NURSING AS A COMPLETION DEGREE,
27 THE COMMUNITY OR TECHNICAL COLLEGE SEEKING SUCH BOARD

1 APPROVAL SHALL PROVIDE NOTICE TO ALL STATE PUBLIC AND NONPUBLIC
2 INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION.

3 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 23-1-113.7, **add** (6)
4 as follows:

5 **23-1-113.7. Commission directive - nursing programs -**
6 **employer-based gift and scholarship fund - legislative declaration -**
7 **reporting requirement.** (6) EACH STATE-SUPPORTED INSTITUTION OF
8 HIGHER EDUCATION THAT OFFERS A BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE IN
9 NURSING SHALL SUBMIT AN ANNUAL REPORT TO THE DEPARTMENT OF
10 HIGHER EDUCATION THAT INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

11 (a) THE NUMBER OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING DEGREES
12 AND THE NUMBER OF ASSOCIATE NURSING DEGREES, IF ANY, AWARDED;

13 (b) THE NUMBER OF NURSING PROGRAM GRADUATES WHO PASSED
14 THE STATE NURSING LICENSURE EXAMINATION; AND

15 (c) THE TOTAL TUITION FOR A STUDENT TO COMPLETE THE
16 STATE-SUPPORTED INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION'S BACHELOR OF
17 SCIENCE DEGREE IN NURSING PROGRAM.

18 **SECTION 3. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,
19 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate
20 preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.