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**HOUSE BILL 18-1086**

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**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

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

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**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.

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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.

SENATE  
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HOUSE  
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HOUSE  
Amended 2nd Reading  
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1            **SECTION 1. Legislative declaration.** It is the intent of the  
2 general assembly to add to the role and mission of the state's community  
3 colleges the creation of a bachelor of science in nursing completion  
4 program that results in the awarding of a bachelor of science in nursing  
5 degree to successful candidates. It is the further intent of the general  
6 assembly that the state's community colleges comply with the  
7 requirements for degree programs set forth in section 23-1-107.

8            **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **amend 23-60-201** as  
9 follows:

10            **23-60-201. State system of community and technical colleges**  
11 **established - local district colleges - role and mission.** There is hereby  
12 established a state system of community and technical colleges which  
13 shall be THAT IS under the management and jurisdiction of the state board  
14 for community colleges and occupational education. The mission of the  
15 community colleges shall be IS to serve Colorado residents who reside in  
16 their service areas by offering a broad range of general, personal, career,  
17 and technical education programs, AS WELL AS BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN  
18 NURSING COMPLETION PROGRAMS THAT RESULT IN THE AWARDING OF A  
19 BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING DEGREE TO SUCCESSFUL CANDIDATES  
20 PURSUANT TO SECTION 23-60-211 (5). Except as provided in section  
21 23-60-211, each college shall MUST be a two-year college. Each  
22 community college may offer two-year degree programs with or without  
23 academic designation, and, upon approval of the board pursuant to section  
24 23-60-211, may offer technical, career, and workforce development  
25 bachelor of applied science degree programs. No A COMMUNITY college  
26 shall NOT impose admission requirements upon any student. ADMISSION  
27 TO A COMMUNITY COLLEGE DOES NOT GUARANTEE ENROLLMENT IN A

1 SPECIFIC PROGRAM THAT HAS PREREQUISITES. The objects of the  
2 community and technical colleges shall be ARE to provide educational  
3 programs to fill the occupational needs of youth and adults in career and  
4 technical fields, two-year transfer educational programs to qualify  
5 students for admission to the junior year at other colleges and universities,  
6 basic skills, workforce development, and a broad range of personal and  
7 career education for adults, and technical, career, and workforce  
8 development bachelor of applied science degree programs established  
9 pursuant to section 23-60-211, that address the needs of the community  
10 within each community college service area.

11 **SECTION 3.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 23-60-211, **amend**  
12 (4); and **add** (5) as follows:

13 **23-60-211. Degrees.** (4) Subject to the approval of the Colorado  
14 commission on higher education pursuant to section 23-1-133, the board  
15 may establish at community colleges within the state system technical,  
16 career, and workforce development bachelor of applied science degree  
17 programs. NOTWITHSTANDING THE PROVISIONS OF SUBSECTION (5) OF THIS  
18 SECTION, nothing in this section shall be construed to allow for the  
19 approval of bachelor of arts or bachelor of science degree programs.

20 (5) SUBJECT TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF SECTIONS 23-1-113.7 AND  
21 23-1-107, AND NOTWITHSTANDING THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 23-1-133,  
22 A COMMUNITY COLLEGE THAT IS PART OF THE STATE SYSTEM OF  
23 COMMUNITY AND TECHNICAL COLLEGES ESTABLISHED AND GOVERNED BY  
24 THIS PART 2 MAY, WITH BOARD APPROVAL, OFFER A BACHELOR OF SCIENCE  
25 DEGREE IN NURSING AS A COMPLETION DEGREE TO STUDENTS WHO HAVE  
26 OR ARE PURSUING AN ASSOCIATE DEGREE IN NURSING. IN CONSIDERING  
27 WHETHER TO APPROVE A REQUEST BY A COMMUNITY \_\_\_\_\_ COLLEGE TO

1 OFFER A BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING AS A COMPLETION DEGREE,  
2 THE BOARD SHALL CONSIDER STUDENT AND WORKFORCE DEMAND, COST  
3 EFFECTIVENESS FOR THE STUDENTS, AND ACCREDITATION AND LICENSING  
4 REQUIREMENTS. THE BOARD SHALL PROVIDE SUCH INFORMATION TO THE  
5 COLORADO COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION AND SOLICIT THE  
6 COMMISSION'S INPUT IN A JOINT MEETING OF THE BOARD AND THE  
7 COMMISSION. A COMMUNITY \_\_\_\_\_ COLLEGE THAT IS SEEKING BOARD  
8 APPROVAL SHALL PROVIDE THE BOARD WITH DATA REGARDING ITS  
9 CURRENT PARTNERSHIPS WITH EXISTING BACHELOR OF SCIENCE NURSING  
10 DEGREE PROGRAMS AND ITS PLANS TO CONTINUE SUCH PARTNERSHIPS. AT  
11 LEAST NINETY DAYS PRIOR TO REQUESTING BOARD APPROVAL TO OFFER A  
12 BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE IN NURSING AS A COMPLETION DEGREE,  
13 THE COMMUNITY \_\_\_\_\_ COLLEGE SEEKING SUCH BOARD APPROVAL SHALL  
14 PROVIDE NOTICE TO THE COLORADO COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION  
15 AND ALL STATE PUBLIC AND NONPUBLIC INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER  
16 EDUCATION.

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

19 **23-1-113.7. Commission directive - nursing programs -**  
20 **employer-based gift and scholarship fund - legislative declaration -**  
21 **reporting requirement.** (6) EACH STATE-SUPPORTED INSTITUTION OF  
22 HIGHER EDUCATION THAT OFFERS A BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE IN  
23 NURSING SHALL SUBMIT AN ANNUAL REPORT TO THE DEPARTMENT OF  
24 HIGHER EDUCATION THAT INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

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

27 (b) THE NUMBER OF NURSING PROGRAM GRADUATES WHO PASSED

1 THE STATE NURSING LICENSURE EXAMINATION; AND

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

5 **SECTION 5. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,  
6 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate  
7 preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.