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SENATE BILL 22-003

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING PERMITTING COMMUNITY COLLEGES TO OFFER A
102 BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE IN NURSING TO CERTAIN
103 STUDENTS.

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>.)

Under existing law, community colleges may offer a bachelor of science degree in nursing as a completion degree to students who have or are pursuing an associate degree in nursing. The bill permits community colleges to offer a bachelor of science degree in nursing to students who have or are pursuing a certificate in nursing.

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.

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

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

4 **23-60-211. Degrees.** (5) Subject to the requirements of sections
5 23-1-113.7 and 23-1-107, a community college that is part of the state
6 system of community and technical colleges established and governed by
7 this part 2 may, with board approval, offer a bachelor of science degree
8 in nursing as a completion degree to students who have or are pursuing
9 an associate degree OR CERTIFICATE in nursing. In considering whether to
10 approve a request by a community college to offer a bachelor of science
11 in nursing as a completion degree, the board shall consider student and
12 workforce demand, cost effectiveness for the students, and accreditation
13 and licensing requirements. The board shall provide such information to
14 the Colorado commission on higher education and solicit the
15 commission's input in a joint meeting of the board and the commission.
16 A community college that is seeking board approval shall provide the
17 board with data regarding its current partnerships with existing bachelor
18 of science nursing degree programs and its plans to continue such
19 partnerships. At least ninety days prior to requesting board approval to
20 offer a bachelor of science degree in nursing as a completion degree, the
21 community college seeking such board approval shall provide notice to
22 the Colorado commission on higher education and all state public and
23 nonpublic institutions of higher education.

24 **SECTION 2. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act
25 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the
26 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly; except

1 that, if a referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V
2 of the state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this
3 act within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take
4 effect unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in
5 November 2022 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the
6 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.