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SENATE BILL 24-051

SENATE SPONSORSHIP

Zenzinger and Kirkmeyer,

HOUSE SPONSORSHIP

Kipp and Catlin,

Senate Committees
Education

House Committees

A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING MODIFICATIONS TO ENHANCE ADULT EDUCATION IN**
102 **COLORADO.**

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>.)

Current law permits a community college or local district college to develop and implement minimum graduation requirements, respectively, for a high school diploma. The bill gives that authority to the state board of community colleges and occupational education and a local district college board of trustees.

The bill authorizes the department of education (department) to

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roll forward unexpended and unencumbered money appropriated to the department from the general fund for the 2023-24 and 2024-25 state fiscal years for the adult education and literacy grant program (program). The money is available to the department for the program through the 2028-29 state fiscal year, at which time it reverts to the general fund.

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 23-60-111, **amend**
3 (1) as follows:

4 **23-60-111. Community colleges - high school diplomas -**
5 **approval.** (1) ~~A community college may develop and implement~~
6 ~~minimum graduation requirements for a high school diploma based on the~~
7 ~~high school graduation requirements of a school district within the~~
8 ~~geographic area of the community college~~ The BOARD MAY ESTABLISH
9 AND APPROVE GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS FOR A HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA.
10 A community college shall award a high school diploma to a student who
11 successfully completes the high school graduation requirements
12 ~~implemented by the community college~~ APPROVED BY THE BOARD.

13 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 23-71-135, **amend**
14 (1) as follows:

15 **23-71-135. Local district colleges - high school diplomas -**
16 **approval.** (1) A local district college ~~may develop and implement~~
17 ~~minimum graduation requirements for a high school diploma based on the~~
18 ~~high school graduation requirements of a school district within the~~
19 ~~geographic area of the local district college.~~ The BOARD OF TRUSTEES
20 MAY ESTABLISH AND APPROVE GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS FOR A HIGH
21 SCHOOL DIPLOMA. A local district college shall award a high school
22 diploma to a student who successfully completes the high school
23 graduation requirements ~~implemented by the local district college~~

1 APPROVED BY A LOCAL DISTRICT COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

2 **SECTION 3.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-10-104, **add** (4)
3 as follows:

4 **22-10-104. Adult education and literacy grant program -**
5 **created - rules.** (4) ANY UNEXPENDED AND UNENCUMBERED MONEY
6 APPROPRIATED TO THE DEPARTMENT FROM THE GENERAL FUND FOR THE
7 ADULT EDUCATION AND LITERACY GRANT PROGRAM FOR THE 2023-24
8 STATE FISCAL YEAR AND THE 2024-25 STATE FISCAL YEAR REMAINS
9 AVAILABLE FOR EXPENDITURE BY THE DEPARTMENT FOR THE PURPOSES OF
10 THE ADULT EDUCATION AND LITERACY GRANT PROGRAM THROUGH THE
11 2028-29 STATE FISCAL YEAR WITHOUT FURTHER APPROPRIATION. AT THE
12 END OF THE 2028-29 STATE FISCAL YEAR, THE MONEY THAT IS
13 UNEXPENDED OR UNENCUMBERED REVERTS TO THE GENERAL FUND.

14 **SECTION 4. Safety clause.** The general assembly finds,
15 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate
16 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety or for appropriations for
17 the support and maintenance of the departments of the state and state
18 institutions.