

SENATE COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE REPORT

Chair of Committee

Date

April 14, 2022

Committee on Education.

After consideration on the merits, the Committee recommends the following:

SB22-192 be amended as follows, and as so amended, be referred to the Committee on Appropriations with favorable recommendation:

- 1 Amend printed bill, page 3, after line 1 insert:
- 2 "(e) The COVID-19 pandemic exacerbated workforce challenges
- 3 and institutions of higher education were required to pivot and accelerate
- 4 a response to workforce demands by creating short-term programs to
- 5 respond to immediate workforce needs. There is a continued need to
- 6 ensure that these short-term programs have value and transparency and
- 7 can be incorporated into degree pathways to best serve learner and earner
- 8 needs;".
- 9 Reletter succeeding paragraphs accordingly.
- 10 Page 5, line 11, strike "INSTITUTIONS," and substitute "INSTITUTIONS AND
- 11 AT LEAST ONE BUSINESS ORGANIZATION OR REPRESENTATIVE OF
- 12 INDUSTRY,".
- 13 Page 5, strike lines 22 through 27 and substitute:
- 14 "(a) EVALUATE THE QUALITY OF NONDEGREE CREDENTIALS THAT
- 15 ARE CURRENTLY AVAILABLE THAT LEAD TO IN-DEMAND LIVING WAGE JOBS
- 16 IDENTIFIED IN THE MOST RECENT COLORADO TALENT REPORT AND
- 17 RESPOND TO CRITICAL JOB SHORTAGES IN COLORADO. THE DEPARTMENT,
- 18 IN COLLABORATION WITH INSTITUTIONS, SHALL EVALUATE THE QUALITY
- 19 OF NONDEGREE CREDENTIALS USING THE FRAMEWORK AND PROCESS
- 20 CREATED IN THIS SUBSECTION (2) AND INFORMED BY ONE OR MORE
- 21 QUALITY STANDARDS FRAMEWORKS DEVELOPED BY NATIONAL
- 22 ORGANIZATIONS.".
- 23 Page 6, strike lines 1 and 2.

1 Page 8, line 5, after "SECTION." insert "THE DEPARTMENT SHALL SPEND OR
2 OBLIGATE ANY MONEY BY DECEMBER 31, 2024. ANY MONEY OBLIGATED
3 BY DECEMBER 31, 2024, MUST BE EXPENDED BY DECEMBER 31, 2026."

4 Page 9, line 15, strike "SECTION 23-60-205." and substitute "SECTION 23-
5 60-205 OR INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION THAT OFFER CAREER AND
6 TECHNICAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS OR ASSOCIATE DEGREES."

7 Page 11, after line 18 insert:

8 "SECTION 4. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 23-3.3-1006, amend
9 (1)(a)(I) as follows:

10 **23-3.3-1006. Colorado opportunity scholarship initiative -**
11 **federal money - institutional allocations - purposes - reporting - rules**
12 **- definitions - repeal.** (1) As used in this section, unless the context
13 otherwise requires:

14 (a) "Eligible student" means an undergraduate, in-state student
15 who:

16 (I) Earned some postsecondary credits from a public or private
17 higher education institution but did not complete a credential REQUIRING
18 THIRTY CREDITS OR MORE before deciding not to enroll for two or more
19 consecutive semesters; or".

20 Renumber succeeding sections accordingly.

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