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HOUSE BILL 16-1144

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

CONCERNING TRANSPARENCY IN POSTSECONDARY COURSES OFFERED TO HIGH SCHOOL 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://www.leg.state.co.us/billsummaries.)

The bill requires a public high school student's education provider to notify the student and his or her parent or legal guardian if the student enrolls in a postsecondary course that does not meet the statutory requirements for concurrent enrollment programs. The notice must inform the student that the course does not meet the requirements of the concurrent enrollment statute and that there are postsecondary courses

available to the student at low or no cost that meet the concurrent enrollment requirements and that are credit-bearing and applicable toward earning a degree or certificate at an institution of higher education or, if approved for statewide transfer, at any institution of higher education.

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

SECTION 1. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-35-104, amend

(1) (b) as follows:

22-35-104. Enrollment in an institution of higher education - cooperative agreement. (1) (b) (I) Each local education provider shall annually notify all students and parents or legal guardians of students enrolled in the local education provider of the opportunity for concurrent enrollment by qualified students in postsecondary courses, including academic courses and career and technical education courses, which may include course work related to apprenticeship programs and internship programs.

(II) AT THE TIME OF ENROLLMENT, EACH LOCAL EDUCATION PROVIDER SHALL NOTIFY THE STUDENT AND THE PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN OF THE STUDENT IF THE POSTSECONDARY COURSE IN WHICH THE STUDENT IS ENROLLING, INCLUDING A POSTSECONDARY COURSE OFFERED AS PART OF A PROGRAM OF OFF-CAMPUS INSTRUCTION PURSUANT TO SECTION 23-1-109, C.R.S., DOES NOT MEET THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SECTION. THE NOTICE MUST INCLUDE INFORMATION ABOUT OTHER POSTSECONDARY COURSES AVAILABLE TO THE STUDENT PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION AT LOW OR NO COST TO THE STUDENT THAT ARE CREDIT-BEARING AND APPLICABLE TOWARD EARNING A DEGREE OR CERTIFICATE AT AN INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION OR AT ANY INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION OR AT APPROVED FOR

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STATEWIDE TRANSFER PURSUANT TO SECTION 23-1-125, C.R.S.

SECTION 2. Act subject to petition - effective date. This act
takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the
ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly (August
10, 2016, if adjournment sine die is on May 11, 2016); except that, if a
referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the
state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act
within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take effect
unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in
November 2016 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the
official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.

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