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**SENATE BILL 17-060**

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**Senate Committees**

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**House Committees**

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**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

101 **CONCERNING RELOCATION OF THE COLORADO STUDENT LEADERS**  
102 **INSTITUTE FROM THE OFFICE OF THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR**  
103 **TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION, AND, IN**  
104 **CONNECTION THEREWITH, MAKING AND REDUCING AN**  
105 **APPROPRIATION.**

**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 Colorado student leaders institute currently exists as a pilot program in the lieutenant governor's office. The bill relocates the institute

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.

*Capital letters indicate new material to be added to existing statute.*

*Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.*

SENATE  
3rd Reading Unamended  
February 1, 2017

SENATE  
Amended 2nd Reading  
January 31, 2017

to the department of higher education without change.

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add with amended**  
3 **and relocated provisions** article 77 to title 23 as follows:

4 **ARTICLE 77**

5 **Colorado Student Leaders Institute Pilot Program**

6 **23-77-101. [Formerly 24-44.3-101] Legislative declaration.**

7 (1) The general assembly finds that:

8 (a) The state is committed to increasing the number of students  
9 who graduate from a Colorado high school, enroll in a Colorado  
10 institution of higher education, and graduate with a postsecondary  
11 credential in two to four academic years;

12 (b) Several states have implemented a summer residential  
13 education program for high school students who demonstrate exceptional  
14 intellectual curiosity, creativity, and maturity. While participating in the  
15 summer program, students attend classes, lectures, seminars, concerts, art  
16 exhibits, theatrical performances, and films and have the opportunity to  
17 learn independently and from distinguished faculty, staff members, and  
18 guest lecturers.

19 (c) The summer residential education programs implemented in  
20 other states have:

21 (I) Successfully developed a civic voice among the states' best  
22 students so that they graduate from high school as civic participants;

23 (II) Prepared motivated students to participate in a competitive  
24 workforce;

25 (III) Helped to create young leaders who are energized to find

1 solutions for the pressing issues facing their states; and

2 (IV) Motivated students to remain in their home states for their  
3 postsecondary education and careers; and

4 (d) A high percentage of the students who have participated in the  
5 summer residential education programs have subsequently enrolled in  
6 postsecondary education in their home states and earned a baccalaureate  
7 degree in four years.

8 (2) The general assembly finds, therefore, that it is in the best  
9 interests of the state to establish the Colorado student leaders institute as  
10 a pilot program using the model of summer residential education  
11 programs implemented in other states and to appropriate state ~~moneys~~  
12 MONEY to ensure the successful operations of the institute for the benefit  
13 of Colorado high school students.

14 (3) The general assembly further finds that, for purposes of  
15 section 17 of article IX of the state constitution, the Colorado student  
16 leaders institute is an accountable program that assists students in meeting  
17 state academic standards and may therefore receive funding from the state  
18 education fund created in section 17 (4) of article IX of the state  
19 constitution.

20 **23-77-102. [Formerly 24-44.3-102] Definitions.** As used in this  
21 ~~article~~ ARTICLE 77, unless the context otherwise requires:

22 (1) "Executive board" means the executive board of the Colorado  
23 student leaders institute established pursuant to ~~section 24-44.3-104~~  
24 SECTION 23-77-104.

25 (2) "Host institution" means the institution of higher education  
26 that the executive board contracts with pursuant to ~~section 24-44.3-104~~  
27 SECTION 23-77-104 to operate the institute.

1 (3) "Institute" means the Colorado student leaders institute created  
2 in ~~section 24-44.3-103~~ SECTION 23-77-103.

3 **23-77-103. [Formerly 24-44.3-103] Colorado student leaders**  
4 **institute - created - applications.** (1) There is created in the ~~office of the~~  
5 ~~lieutenant governor~~ DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION the Colorado  
6 student leaders institute to operate as a pilot program through the summer  
7 of 2019. The institute is a competitive residential summer academic  
8 program for students who are entering tenth or eleventh grade in the  
9 coming fall semester. The institute operates for four weeks each summer  
10 during which time students who are accepted to the institute attend  
11 college-level classes, lectures, and seminars as well as enrichment  
12 activities, including concerts and theatrical productions. Each student who  
13 is accepted to the institute is encouraged to donate up to four hundred  
14 dollars to the institute to assist in meeting operational costs. Subject to  
15 available appropriations, up to one hundred students may annually  
16 participate in the institute.

17 (2) (a) The institute shall annually offer classes in at least the  
18 following two areas:

- 19 (I) Science, technology, engineering, arts, and mathematics; and
- 20 (II) International social studies.

21 (b) The institute shall annually provide enrichment activities for  
22 students who participate in the institute, which must include but need not  
23 be limited to activities relating to visual expression and music  
24 appreciation.

25 (c) In addition to participating in classes and enrichment activities,  
26 students who participate in the institute must:

- 27 (I) Complete a history research project for a competition held

1 during the term of the institute; and

2 (II) Complete a public service practicum that includes a final  
3 report of findings and recommendations to the general assembly for  
4 legislative action.

5 (3) (a) (I) To apply to participate in the institute:

6 (A) A student who is enrolled in a public school that is not a  
7 charter school must be nominated by the superintendent of the school  
8 district in which the student is enrolled; and

9 (B) A student who is enrolled in a charter school or in a private  
10 school must be nominated by the principal of the school.

11 (II) A student who is participating in a nonpublic home-based  
12 educational program, as described in section 22-33-104.5, ~~C.R.S.~~, may  
13 apply without having been nominated.

14 (b) To apply to participate in the institute, a student must submit  
15 an application to the executive board that is in the form and meets the  
16 requirements established by the host institution. If the applying student is  
17 enrolled in a public school, the student must submit a copy of his or her  
18 individual career and academic plan, as described in section 22-2-136,  
19 ~~C.R.S.~~, with the application.

20 (4) The host institution shall award three hours of postsecondary  
21 academic credit to each student who successfully completes the institute.  
22 The school district or high school in which each student is enrolled is  
23 encouraged to apply the academic credit hours that a student receives for  
24 completing the institute toward completing the student's high school  
25 graduation requirements.

26 **23-77-104. [Formerly 24-44.3-104] Colorado student leaders**  
27 **institute - executive board - duties - repeal.** (1) An executive board

1 appointed pursuant to subsection (2) of this section shall oversee the  
2 operations of the institute, including contracting THROUGH THE  
3 DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION with the host institution and  
4 annually selecting students to participate in the institute.

5 (2) (a) The executive board consists of eleven members as  
6 follows:

7 (I) The governor, with the consent of the senate, shall appoint  
8 eight persons to serve as members of the executive board as follows:

9 (A) Two persons who are employed as educators in high schools  
10 in Colorado, one of whom is employed in a rural school district;

11 (B) Two persons who are employed as teaching faculty or  
12 administrators in an institution of higher education in Colorado; and

13 (C) Four persons from the community who have interest or  
14 experience in education; and

15 (II) The commissioner of education or his or her designee, the  
16 executive director of the department of higher education or his or her  
17 designee, and the chief executive officer of the host institution or his or  
18 her designee shall serve as members of the executive board.

19 (b) The appointed members of the executive board serve two-year  
20 terms and may be appointed to successive two-year terms; except that, of  
21 the members first appointed, the governor shall select four members to  
22 serve one-year terms. The appointed members of the executive board  
23 serve at the pleasure of the governor. If a vacancy arises on the executive  
24 board, the governor shall appoint a person to fill the vacancy for the  
25 remainder of the term.

26 (c) The members of the executive board serve without  
27 compensation and without reimbursement for expenses.

1 (d) The governor shall appoint the initial members to the  
2 executive board as soon as possible after June 6, 2015. In making  
3 appointments, the governor shall attempt to appoint persons who are  
4 representative of the gender and racial diversity within the state and who  
5 represent areas throughout the state.

6 (e) (I) THE RELOCATION IN 2017 OF THE INSTITUTE FROM THE  
7 OFFICE OF THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER  
8 EDUCATION DOES NOT REQUIRE REAPPOINTMENT OF THE EXECUTIVE  
9 BOARD OR AFFECT THE LENGTH OF TERM OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD  
10 MEMBERS APPOINTED BEFORE 2017.

11 (II) THIS SUBSECTION (2)(e) IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018.

12 (3) The executive board has the following duties and powers:

13 (a) The executive board shall oversee and direct the operations of  
14 the institute, including reviewing the student applications received,  
15 annually selecting students to participate in the institute, and annually  
16 selecting the faculty and courses for the institute, taking into account the  
17 recommendations of the host institution. In reviewing applications and  
18 selecting students to participate in the institute, the executive board shall  
19 ensure that:

20 (I) At least fifty percent of the students selected to attend the  
21 institute each year:

22 (A) Are eligible for free or reduced-cost lunch pursuant to the  
23 federal "Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act", 42 U.S.C. sec.  
24 1751 et seq.; or

25 (B) Would be the first generation in their immediate families to  
26 attend an institute of higher education;

27 (II) The students who are selected reside in areas throughout the

1 state; are representative of the gender, ethnic, racial, and socio-economic  
2 diversity of the state; and are representative of the educational program  
3 options available throughout the state; and

4 (III) The students who are selected demonstrate, through their  
5 individual career and academic plans for students enrolled in public  
6 schools, a commitment to continuing in postsecondary education after  
7 high school graduation.

8 (b) (I) The DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION, ON BEHALF OF  
9 THE executive board, shall issue a request for proposals for a public or  
10 private institution of higher education to host the institute. The  
11 DEPARTMENT, WORKING WITH THE executive board, shall select and enter  
12 into a contract on behalf of the EXECUTIVE BOARD AND THE institute with  
13 the public or private institution of higher education in accordance with the  
14 applicable provisions of the "Procurement Code", articles 101 to 112 of  
15 ~~this title~~ TITLE 24. The executive board DEPARTMENT may enter into a  
16 multi-year contract with a public or private institution of higher  
17 education, subject to annual review and renewal.

18 (II) The contract to host the institute must require the host  
19 institution, at a minimum, to provide the following services in managing  
20 the institute:

21 (A) Establish requirements for and create the form of the  
22 applications that students submit to participate in the institute and  
23 establish the timelines for submitting applications and selecting  
24 participants;

25 (B) Review applications received from students and recommend  
26 participants to the executive board;

27 (C) Annually solicit educators to participate as faculty for the

1 institute and annually recommend to the executive board faculty and  
2 courses for the institute;

3 (D) Provide space for classes, lectures, and seminars; and

4 (E) Provide living and eating facilities for students who  
5 participate in the institute.

6 (c) The executive board may appoint an advisory board consisting  
7 of persons in the community who are supportive of education to assist the  
8 executive board in marketing the institute and soliciting public and  
9 private gifts, grants, and donations for the institute. Any persons  
10 appointed to an advisory board pursuant to this ~~paragraph (c)~~ SUBSECTION  
11 (3)(c) serve without compensation and without reimbursement for  
12 expenses.

13 (d) Beginning in the 2017 regular legislative session, the  
14 executive board shall annually report to the education committees of the  
15 house of representatives and the senate, or any successor committees, the  
16 executive board's progress and success in implementing the institute. The  
17 executive board must, at a minimum, report the success of the institute as  
18 measured by the enrollment and progress of institute alumni in  
19 postsecondary educational programs.

20 **23-77-105. [Formerly 24-44.3-105] Colorado student leaders**  
21 **institute - funding - cash fund created.** (1) The general assembly shall  
22 annually appropriate ~~moneys~~ MONEY to the DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER  
23 EDUCATION FOR THE institute to pay the direct and indirect costs that the  
24 executive board incurs in operating the institute, including costs relating  
25 to the host institution and stipends for the institute faculty members.

26 (2) (a) In addition to the amount appropriated pursuant to  
27 subsection (1) of this section, the executive board, with the assistance of

1 an advisory board if appointed, may solicit, accept, and expend public or  
2 private gifts, grants, or donations to implement the institute. The  
3 executive board shall transmit any ~~moneys~~ MONEY that it receives  
4 pursuant to this ~~paragraph (a)~~ SUBSECTION (2)(a) and any ~~moneys~~ MONEY  
5 it receives from participating students to the state treasurer. The state  
6 treasurer shall deposit the ~~moneys~~ MONEY in the Colorado student leaders  
7 institute cash fund, referred to in this section as the "cash fund", which is  
8 created in the state treasury. Annual operation of the institute is  
9 conditional upon receiving at least forty thousand dollars in gifts, grants,  
10 or donations by June 1 of each year.

11 (b) The ~~moneys~~ MONEY in the cash fund ~~are~~ IS continuously  
12 appropriated to the executive board for the direct and indirect costs  
13 incurred in implementing the institute. The state treasurer may invest as  
14 provided by law any ~~moneys~~ MONEY in the cash fund that ~~are~~ IS not  
15 expended for the purposes of this ~~article~~ ARTICLE 77. The state treasurer  
16 shall credit to the cash fund all interest and income derived from the  
17 investment and deposit of ~~moneys~~ MONEY in the cash fund. Any  
18 unexpended and unencumbered ~~moneys~~ MONEY remaining in the cash  
19 fund at the end of a fiscal year must remain in the cash fund and shall not  
20 be credited to another fund; except that the state treasurer shall credit any  
21 unexpended and unencumbered ~~moneys~~ MONEY remaining in the fund as  
22 of June 30, 2019, to the state education fund created in section 17 (4) of  
23 article IX of the state constitution.

24 **23-77-106. [Formerly 24-44.3-106] Repeal of article.** This  
25 ~~article~~ ARTICLE 77 is repealed, effective July 1, 2019.

26 **SECTION 2. Repeal of relocated provisions in this act.** In  
27 Colorado Revised Statutes, **repeal** article 44.3 of title 24.

1           **SECTION 3. Transfer of appropriation.** (1) For the 2017-18  
2 state fiscal year, \$218,825 of the appropriation made in the annual general  
3 appropriation act for the state fiscal year from reappropriated funds  
4 received from the department of education to the office of the governor  
5 for use by the office of the lieutenant governor for the Colorado student  
6 leaders institute pilot is transferred to the department of higher education  
7 for use by the Colorado commission on higher education. It is assumed  
8 that the commission will require the 1.0 FTE related to the office of the  
9 lieutenant governor's appropriation.

10           **SECTION 4. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,  
11 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate  
12 preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.