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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING ENSURING AFFORDABILITY AT PUBLIC RESEARCH  
102 UNIVERSITIES IN COLORADO.

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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 current law, the number of in-state students enrolled at public institutions of higher education is governed by various percentage limits and requirements. The bill standardizes the calculation for public research institutions in the following ways:

- ! Requires the university of northern Colorado (UNC) and the Colorado school of mines (CSM), in addition to the

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university of Colorado (CU) and Colorado state university (CSU), to admit 100% of academically qualified Colorado first-time freshman students;

! Reduces the various percentages so that in-state students make up no less than 55% of total enrollments at each campus of CU and at CSU, UNC, and CSM, excluding foreign students and students enrolled solely in online courses; and

! Increases the cap on foreign students enrolled at CU and CSU to 15% of total student enrollment and includes UNC and CSM in the percentage limit.

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

2 **SECTION 1. Legislative declaration.** (1) The general assembly  
3 finds that:

4 (a) Colorado is committed to keeping the cost of attending college  
5 affordable for resident students at Colorado's research institutions of  
6 higher education;

7 (b) Tuition revenue from nonresident students improves the  
8 affordability and quality of education for Colorado's resident students;

9 (c) Educating resident students is the paramount role of all of  
10 Colorado's public institutions of higher education;

11 (d) Colorado's research institutions will continue to be required by  
12 law to admit all qualified resident students who apply to their institutions;

13 (e) Accepting additional qualified nonresident and international  
14 students will have no impact on the ability of research institutions to  
15 accept qualified resident students;

16 (f) Resident enrollment growth and the number of Colorado high  
17 school graduates is projected to fluctuate, peak, and decline in the future,  
18 causing some public research institutions of higher education to turn away  
19 nonresident students who help subsidize costs and improve college

1 affordability for resident students because of the current formula; and  
2 (g) International students greatly add to the cultural and  
3 intellectual diversity on research campuses.

4 (2) Therefore, the general assembly declares that changes to  
5 admissions percentages relating to nonresident and international students  
6 is beneficial for the financial stability of Colorado's research institutions  
7 and improves college affordability for resident students.

8 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 23-1-113.5, **amend**  
9 (4)(a) as follows:

10 **23-1-113.5. Commission directive - resident admissions -**  
11 **definitions.** (4) (a) The provisions of subsection (1) of this section  
12 regarding the percentage and fraction of students who are in-state  
13 students, as defined in section 23-7-102 (5), ~~shall~~ DO not apply to the  
14 university of Colorado system, ~~or to~~ Colorado state university, THE  
15 UNIVERSITY OF NORTHERN COLORADO, OR THE COLORADO SCHOOL OF  
16 MINES if the following requirements are met:

17 (I) The percentage of incoming freshmen admitted to the  
18 institution who are in-state students calculated on a three-year rolling  
19 average and excluding foreign students, is not less than fifty-five percent;

20 (II) The ~~fraction~~ PERCENTAGE of students enrolled at each campus  
21 of the university of Colorado system, ~~or~~ at Colorado state university, AT  
22 THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTHERN COLORADO, OR AT THE COLORADO SCHOOL  
23 OF MINES who are in-state students is not less than ~~two-thirds~~ FIFTY-FIVE  
24 PERCENT of the total student enrollment at ~~the~~ EACH campus ~~or~~ OF THE  
25 UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO SYSTEM, at Colorado state university, AT THE  
26 UNIVERSITY OF NORTHERN COLORADO, OR AT THE COLORADO SCHOOL OF  
27 MINES, respectively, including undergraduate and graduate students,

1 calculated on a three-year rolling average and excluding foreign students  
2 AND STUDENTS ENROLLED SOLELY IN ONLINE COURSES;

3 (III) The institution continues to admit one hundred percent of all  
4 Colorado first-time freshman applicants who meet the guaranteed  
5 admissions criteria;

6 (IV) The percentage of in-state students admitted to each campus  
7 of the university of Colorado system, TO THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTHERN  
8 COLORADO, or to Colorado state university based on criteria other than  
9 standardized test scores, high school class rank, and high school grade  
10 point average pursuant to section 23-1-113 (1)(b) does not fall below the  
11 average of the percentage admitted to the campus or to Colorado state  
12 university, respectively, for the three preceding academic years; and

13 (V) The total number of foreign students enrolled at each specific  
14 campus of the university of Colorado system, ~~or~~ at Colorado state  
15 university, AT THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTHERN COLORADO, OR AT THE  
16 COLORADO SCHOOL OF MINES does not exceed ~~twelve~~ FIFTEEN percent of  
17 the total student enrollment, including undergraduate and graduate  
18 students, enrolled at the campus, ~~or~~ at Colorado state university, AT THE  
19 UNIVERSITY OF NORTHERN COLORADO, OR AT THE COLORADO SCHOOL OF  
20 MINES, respectively.

21 **SECTION 3. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act  
22 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the  
23 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly (August  
24 8, 2018, if adjournment sine die is on May 9, 2018); except that, if a  
25 referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the  
26 state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act  
27 within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take effect

1 unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in  
2 November 2018 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the  
3 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.