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SENATE BILL 18-225

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING THE DEFINITION OF AN EARLY COLLEGE FOR PURPOSES
102 OF THE "CONCURRENT ENROLLMENT PROGRAMS ACT".

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/>.)

Joint Budget Committee. Under the existing statute, an early college is not subject to the requirements of the "Concurrent Enrollment Programs Act". The bill amends the definition of "early college" to specify that an early college must provide only a curriculum that is designed to be completed within 4 years and includes concurrent enrollment in high school and postsecondary courses such that, when a

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.
Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material to be added to existing statute.
Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.

student completes the curriculum, the student has attained a high school diploma and a postsecondary credential or at least 60 credit hours toward completion of a postsecondary credential. The state board of education must review all of the schools that it has designated as early colleges to ensure that each school meets the revised definition. A school that does not meet the revised definition will no longer be designated as an early college.

The bill allows a school that is designated as an early college prior to passage of the bill to continue to receive funding through the school finance formula for students who, after completing 4 years of high school at an early college, enroll in postsecondary courses for the 2018-19 and 2019-20 school years.

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-35-103, **amend**
3 the introductory portion and (10) as follows:

4 **22-35-103. Definitions.** As used in this ~~article~~ ARTICLE 35, unless
5 the context otherwise requires:

6 (10) (a) "Early college" means a secondary school that provides
7 only a curriculum that ~~is designed in a manner that ensures that a~~
8 REQUIRES EACH STUDENT TO ENROLL IN AND COMPLETE SECONDARY AND
9 POSTSECONDARY COURSES WHILE ENROLLED IN THE FOUR YEARS OF HIGH
10 SCHOOL SUCH THAT, UPON SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF THE CURRICULUM,
11 THE student ~~who successfully completes the curriculum~~ will have
12 completed ~~either~~ THE REQUIREMENTS OF A HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA AND an
13 associate's degree OR OTHER POSTSECONDARY CREDENTIAL or AT LEAST
14 sixty credits toward the completion of a postsecondary credential. THE
15 CURRICULUM MUST BE DESIGNED TO BE COMPLETED WITHIN FOUR YEARS.

16 "Early college" includes only the following:

- 17 (a) (I) Dolores Huerta preparatory high school in Pueblo;
18 (b) (II) Southwest early college charter high school in Denver;
19 (c) (III) Front range early college in Denver;

- 1 ~~(d)~~ (IV) Colorado Springs early colleges in Colorado Springs;
2 ~~(e)~~ (V) Early college high school in Arvada;
3 ~~(f)~~ (VI) A secondary school that satisfies the provisions of this
4 subsection (10) and identifies itself as an "early college" on May 21,
5 2009; and
6 ~~(g)~~ (VII) A secondary school that is designated, after May 21,
7 2009, as an early college by the state board of education.

8 (b) AS SOON AS PRACTICABLE AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS
9 SUBSECTION (10)(b), THE STATE BOARD SHALL REVIEW THE SECONDARY
10 SCHOOLS DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (10)(a)(VI) OF THIS SECTION AND THE
11 SECONDARY SCHOOLS DESIGNATED AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION
12 (10)(a)(VII) OF THIS SECTION AND CONFIRM WHETHER EACH SECONDARY
13 SCHOOL MEETS THE CURRICULUM REQUIREMENTS SPECIFIED IN
14 SUBSECTION (10)(a) OF THIS SECTION, AS AMENDED ON THE EFFECTIVE
15 DATE OF THIS SUBSECTION (10)(b). EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018, A
16 SECONDARY SCHOOL THAT THE STATE BOARD DETERMINES DOES NOT
17 MEET THE CURRICULUM REQUIREMENTS SPECIFIED IN SUBSECTION (10)(a)
18 OF THIS SECTION IS NO LONGER DESIGNATED AS AN EARLY COLLEGE. IN
19 REVIEWING A SCHOOL'S DESIGNATION, THE STATE BOARD SHALL NOT
20 REQUIRE THE SCHOOL TO SUBMIT DOCUMENTATION BEYOND THE MINIMUM
21 NECESSARY TO CONFIRM THAT THE SCHOOL'S CURRICULUM MEETS THE
22 REQUIREMENTS SPECIFIED IN SUBSECTION (10)(a) OF THIS SECTION.

23 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-54-103, **amend**
24 the introductory portion; and **add** (10)(g) as follows:

25 **22-54-103. Definitions.** As used in this ~~article~~ ARTICLE 54, unless
26 the context otherwise requires:

27 (10) (g) FOR THE 2018-19 AND 2019-20 BUDGET YEARS, A

1 DISTRICT MAY INCLUDE IN ITS PUPIL ENROLLMENT PUPILS WHO ARE
2 ENROLLED IN A SCHOOL THAT WAS DESIGNATED PURSUANT TO SECTION
3 22-35-103 (10) AS AN EARLY COLLEGE BEFORE THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF
4 SENATE BILL 18-____, ENACTED IN 2018, AND WHO, AFTER COMPLETING
5 FOUR YEARS OF HIGH SCHOOL, ENROLL FOR THE 2018-19 OR 2019-20
6 BUDGET YEARS IN POSTSECONDARY COURSES.

7 **SECTION 3. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,
8 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate
9 preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.