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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING POSTSECONDARY CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS THAT
102 COMBINE BASIC EDUCATION COURSE WORK WITH SKILLS
103 TRAINING.

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 directs the state board of community colleges and occupational education (board), conditional on the availability of moneys, to design a certificate program through which persons who are identified as needing basic skills remedial course work or who are eligible for adult

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.
Capital letters indicate new material to be added to existing statute.
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literacy education may obtain a career and technical education certificate within 12 months by taking courses that integrate basic skills training with college-level occupational skills training. The board will collaborate with and may enter into memorandums of understanding with the department of education and the department of labor in designing the certificate program to ensure that it can be implemented locally in collaboration with the family literacy education grant program and the work force investment program.

A community college or local district junior college that chooses to implement the certificate program shall collaborate with the local entities that provide family literacy education and work force investment programs, if any.

The board shall report annually to the general assembly concerning implementation of the certificate programs.

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** part 9 to article
3 60 of title 23 as follows:

4 **PART 9**

5 **INTEGRATED BASIC EDUCATION AND SKILLS TRAINING**

6 **23-60-901. Definitions.** AS USED IN THIS PART 9, UNLESS THE
7 CONTEXT OTHERWISE REQUIRES:

8 (1) "ADULT LITERACY EDUCATION" HAS THE SAME MEANING AS
9 PROVIDED IN SECTION 22-2-124 (2) (a), C.R.S.

10 (2) "BOARD" MEANS THE STATE BOARD FOR COMMUNITY
11 COLLEGES AND OCCUPATIONAL EDUCATION CREATED IN SECTION
12 23-60-104.

13 (3) "CERTIFICATE PROGRAM" MEANS THE PROGRAM DESIGNED BY
14 THE BOARD PURSUANT TO SECTION 23-60-902 (1).

15 (4) "ELIGIBLE ADULT" HAS THE SAME MEANING AS PROVIDED IN
16 SECTION 22-2-124 (2) (c), C.R.S.

17 (5) "LOCAL EDUCATION PROVIDER" HAS THE SAME MEANING AS

1 PROVIDED IN SECTION 22-2-124 (2) (i), C.R.S.

2 **23-60-902. Integrated basic education and skills training -**
3 **certificates.** (1) SUBJECT TO THE AVAILABILITY OF STATE OR FEDERAL
4 MONEYS FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS PART 9, THE BOARD SHALL DESIGN A
5 CERTIFICATE PROGRAM THROUGH WHICH PERSONS WHO ARE IDENTIFIED AS
6 NEEDING BASIC SKILLS REMEDIAL COURSE WORK OR WHO ARE ELIGIBLE
7 FOR ADULT LITERACY EDUCATION MAY OBTAIN A CAREER AND TECHNICAL
8 EDUCATION CERTIFICATE WITHIN TWELVE MONTHS BY TAKING COURSES
9 THAT INTEGRATE BASIC SKILLS TRAINING WITH COLLEGE-LEVEL
10 OCCUPATIONAL SKILLS TRAINING. THE BOARD IS ENCOURAGED TO
11 COLLABORATE WITH AND MAY ENTER INTO MEMORANDUMS OF
12 UNDERSTANDING WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND THE
13 DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AS NECESSARY TO ENSURE THAT THE CERTIFICATE
14 PROGRAM CAN BE IMPLEMENTED LOCALLY IN COORDINATION WITH THE
15 FAMILY LITERACY EDUCATION GRANT PROGRAM CREATED IN SECTION
16 22-2-124, C.R.S., AND THE WORK FORCE INVESTMENT PROGRAM CREATED
17 IN SECTION 8-71-205, C.R.S.

18 (2) AT A MINIMUM, THE CERTIFICATE PROGRAM SHALL:

19 (a) BE AVAILABLE TO PERSONS WHO MEET THE DEFINITION OF AN
20 "ELIGIBLE ADULT" IN SECTION 22-2-124 (2) (c), C.R.S., OR ARE IDENTIFIED
21 AS NEEDING BASIC SKILLS REMEDIAL COURSE WORK BASED ON SCORES ON
22 THE BASIC SKILLS PLACEMENT OR ASSESSMENT TESTS IN ENGLISH AND
23 MATHEMATICS, WHICH TESTS MEET THE STANDARDS ADOPTED BY THE
24 COMMISSION PURSUANT TO SECTION 23-1-113.3;

25 (b) INCLUDE ONLY CAREER AND TECHNICAL CERTIFICATE
26 PROGRAMS THAT A STUDENT CAN COMPLETE WITHIN TWELVE MONTHS;
27 AND

1 (c) REQUIRE THAT EACH COURSE OFFERED THROUGH THE
2 CERTIFICATE PROGRAM INTEGRATES BASIC SKILLS INSTRUCTION AND
3 COLLEGE-LEVEL OCCUPATIONAL SKILLS TRAINING AND IS JOINTLY
4 DESIGNED AND TAUGHT BY A BASIC SKILLS INSTRUCTOR AND AN
5 OCCUPATIONAL SKILLS INSTRUCTOR WHO ARE AVAILABLE IN THE
6 CLASSROOM TOGETHER FOR AT LEAST FIFTY PERCENT OF THE
7 INSTRUCTIONAL TIME.

8 (3) A COMMUNITY COLLEGE IN THE STATE SYSTEM OF COMMUNITY
9 AND TECHNICAL COLLEGES OR A LOCAL DISTRICT JUNIOR COLLEGE MAY
10 CHOOSE TO IMPLEMENT THE CERTIFICATE PROGRAM. A COMMUNITY
11 COLLEGE OR JUNIOR COLLEGE THAT CHOOSES TO IMPLEMENT THE
12 CERTIFICATE PROGRAM SHALL COLLABORATE WITH AND MAY ENTER INTO
13 MEMORANDUMS OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE FOLLOWING ENTITIES
14 WITHIN THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE'S OR JUNIOR COLLEGE'S SERVICE AREAS:

15 (a) THE LOCAL EDUCATION PROVIDER, IF ANY, THAT PROVIDES
16 FAMILY LITERACY EDUCATION PROGRAMS; AND

17 (b) THE LOCAL WORK FORCE BOARD, IF ANY, AS PROVIDED IN
18 SECTION 8-71-216, C.R.S.

19 **23-60-903. Annual reports.** (1) EACH COMMUNITY COLLEGE AND
20 LOCAL DISTRICT JUNIOR COLLEGE THAT CHOOSES TO IMPLEMENT THE
21 CERTIFICATE PROGRAM SHALL, AT THE COMPLETION OF EACH ACADEMIC
22 YEAR IN WHICH THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE OR LOCAL DISTRICT JUNIOR
23 COLLEGE IMPLEMENTS THE CERTIFICATE PROGRAM, SUBMIT A REPORT TO
24 THE BOARD THAT PROVIDES THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

25 (a) THE CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION CERTIFICATE
26 PROGRAMS THAT WERE OFFERED;

27 (b) THE NUMBER OF STUDENTS WHO ENROLLED IN EACH CAREER

1 AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION CERTIFICATE PROGRAM AND THE NUMBER OF
2 STUDENTS WHO SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED EACH PROGRAM; AND

3 (c) THE PERCENTAGE OF STUDENTS WHO OBTAINED EMPLOYMENT
4 IN THE AREAS IN WHICH THEY OBTAINED CERTIFICATES, IF SAID
5 INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE.

6 (2) THE BOARD SHALL ANNUALLY SUMMARIZE THE REPORTS
7 RECEIVED PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS SECTION AND SUBMIT
8 THE SUMMARY REPORT TO THE EDUCATION COMMITTEES OF THE HOUSE OF
9 REPRESENTATIVES AND THE SENATE, OR ANY SUCCESSOR COMMITTEES;
10 EXCEPT THAT THE BOARD NEED NOT SUBMIT A SUMMARY REPORT IN ANY
11 YEAR IN WHICH IT DOES NOT RECEIVE REPORTS PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION
12 (1) OF THIS SECTION.

13 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 8-71-205, **add** (7) as
14 follows:

15 **8-71-205. Work force investment program - creation -**
16 **administration.** (7) THE DEPARTMENT MAY ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM
17 OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE STATE BOARD FOR COMMUNITY COLLEGES
18 AND OCCUPATIONAL EDUCATION AS NECESSARY TO ENSURE THAT THE
19 INTEGRATED BASIC EDUCATION AND SKILLS TRAINING CERTIFICATE
20 PROGRAM DESCRIBED IN SECTION 23-60-902, C.R.S., CAN BE
21 IMPLEMENTED LOCALLY IN COORDINATION WITH THE WORK FORCE
22 INVESTMENT PROGRAM.

23 **SECTION 3.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 8-71-216, **amend** (1)
24 (k) and (1) (l); and **add** (1) (m) as follows:

25 **8-71-216. Required and optional partners of work force**
26 **boards.** (1) **Required partners.** Each work force board, with the
27 agreement of the local elected officials, is authorized to designate or

1 certify the following partners for purposes of participating in the delivery
2 of services for the one-stop system or work force investment program in
3 the work force investment area:

4 (k) Programs under chapter 41 of title 38, U.S.C., concerning local
5 veterans' employment representatives and disabled veterans' outreach
6 programs; ~~and~~

7 (l) Employment and training programs administered by the federal
8 department of housing and urban development; AND

9 (m) INTEGRATED BASIC EDUCATION AND SKILLS TRAINING
10 CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS IMPLEMENTED PURSUANT TO PART 9 OF ARTICLE
11 60 OF TITLE 23, C.R.S.

12 **SECTION 4.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-2-124, **add** (7.5)
13 as follows:

14 **22-2-124. Family literacy education grant program - rules.**

15 (7.5) THE DEPARTMENT MAY ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF
16 UNDERSTANDING WITH THE STATE BOARD FOR COMMUNITY COLLEGES AND
17 OCCUPATIONAL EDUCATION AS NECESSARY TO ENSURE THAT THE
18 INTEGRATED BASIC EDUCATION AND SKILLS TRAINING CERTIFICATE
19 PROGRAM DESCRIBED IN SECTION 23-60-902, C.R.S., CAN BE
20 IMPLEMENTED LOCALLY IN COORDINATION WITH THE FAMILY LITERACY
21 EDUCATION GRANT PROGRAM.

22 **SECTION 5. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act
23 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the
24 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly (August
25 8, 2012, if adjournment sine die is on May 9, 2012); except that, if a
26 referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the
27 state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act

1 within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take effect
2 unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in
3 November 2012 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the
4 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.