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STATE OF COLORADO**

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LLS NO. 13-0963.02 Julie Pelegrin x2700

**HOUSE BILL 13-1320**

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**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

101     **CONCERNING FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR MERITORIOUS COLORADO**  
102             **STUDENTS AT STATE-SUPPORTED INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER**  
103             **EDUCATION.**

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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://www.leg.state.co.us/billsummaries>.)*

Under current law, state-supported institutions of higher education (institution) must generally maintain a required ratio of resident student admissions to nonresident student admissions. The bill allows an institution to count a student who is admitted as a Colorado scholar as 2

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.*

in-state students for purposes of calculating this ratio.

The university of Colorado system and Colorado state university are also required to ensure that the percentage of students who are admitted based on criteria other than the statewide admissions criteria does not fall below the average of the percentage of these students admitted for the 3 preceding years. Under the bill, these institutions are considered to meet this requirement if the percentage of in-state students admitted based on the alternative criteria plus the percentage of in-state students enrolling as Colorado scholars is greater than the percentage of nonresident students admitted based on the alternative criteria.

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 23-1-113.5, **add** (5)  
3 as follows:

4 **23-1-113.5. Commission directive - resident admissions -**  
5 **definitions.** (5) (a) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY PROVISION OF THIS SECTION  
6 TO THE CONTRARY, BEGINNING IN THE FALL SEMESTER OF 2013, A  
7 STATE-SUPPORTED INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION OR A CAMPUS OF  
8 THE INSTITUTION MAY COUNT EACH COLORADO SCHOLAR WHO ENROLLS  
9 AT THE INSTITUTION OR THE CAMPUS OF THE INSTITUTION AS TWO  
10 IN-STATE STUDENTS FOR PURPOSES OF CALCULATING THE PERCENTAGES  
11 AND FRACTIONS OF IN-STATE STUDENTS REQUIRED IN THIS SECTION.

12 (b) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY PROVISION OF THIS SECTION TO THE  
13 CONTRARY, BEGINNING IN THE FALL SEMESTER OF 2013, A  
14 STATE-SUPPORTED INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION OR A CAMPUS OF  
15 THE INSTITUTION MEETS THE REQUIREMENTS SPECIFIED IN SUBPARAGRAPH  
16 (IV) OF PARAGRAPH (a) OF SUBSECTION (4) OF THIS SECTION IF THE  
17 PERCENTAGE OF IN-STATE STUDENTS ADMITTED TO THE INSTITUTION OR  
18 TO EACH CAMPUS OF THE INSTITUTION BASED ON CRITERIA THAT ARE IN  
19 LIEU OF THE ESTABLISHED STATEWIDE CRITERIA AS PROVIDED IN SECTION  
20 23-1-113 (1) (b) PLUS THE PERCENTAGE OF IN-STATE STUDENTS

1 ENROLLING AS COLORADO SCHOLARS EXCEEDS THE PERCENTAGE OF  
2 NONRESIDENT STUDENTS ADMITTED TO THE INSTITUTION OR TO EACH  
3 CAMPUS OF THE INSTITUTION BASED ON CRITERIA THAT ARE IN LIEU OF THE  
4 ESTABLISHED STATEWIDE CRITERIA.

5 (c) THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SUBSECTION (5) APPLY ONLY TO A  
6 STATE-SUPPORTED INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION, OR TO A CAMPUS  
7 OF THE INSTITUTION, THAT ESTABLISHES AND FUNDS A COLORADO  
8 SCHOLAR PROGRAM.

9 (d) AS USED IN THIS SUBSECTION (5):

10 (I) "COLORADO SCHOLAR" MEANS AN IN-STATE STUDENT WHO  
11 PARTICIPATES IN A COLORADO SCHOLAR PROGRAM.

12 (II) "COLORADO SCHOLAR PROGRAM" MEANS AN INSTITUTIONAL  
13 PROGRAM OR GROUP OF PROGRAMS THAT AWARDS INSTITUTIONAL  
14 FINANCIAL AID OR SCHOLARSHIPS TO UNDERGRADUATE, DEGREE-SEEKING,  
15 IN-STATE STUDENTS BASED ON COMPETITIVE, MERIT-BASED CRITERIA,  
16 WITH THE GOAL OF ATTRACTING IN-STATE STUDENTS TO AND RETAINING  
17 THEM IN COLORADO INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION.

18 **SECTION 2. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,  
19 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate  
20 preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.