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Sixty-seventh General Assembly  
STATE OF COLORADO**

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LLS NO. 10-0475.01 Michael Dohr

**SENATE BILL 10-101**

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**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

101 **CONCERNING AUTHORIZING COLORADO MOUNTAIN COLLEGE TO**  
102 **OFFER BACCALAUREATE DEGREES.**

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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>.)*

The bill authorizes Colorado mountain college to offer baccalaureate degrees that address the needs of the communities within its service area.

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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.*

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

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

4 (a) It is a priority in Colorado to afford the citizens in rural areas  
5 of the state greater access to higher education; and

6 (b) Four-year degrees are of increasing importance in enabling  
7 individuals to qualify for and obtain jobs.

8 (2) It is therefore in the best interests of the state of Colorado to  
9 grant Colorado Mountain College, a junior college that was created to  
10 offer two-year degrees, the authority to offer four-year baccalaureate  
11 degrees.

12 **SECTION 2.** 23-71-102, Colorado Revised Statutes, is amended  
13 to read:

14 **23-71-102. Definitions.** As used in this article, unless the context  
15 otherwise requires:

16 (1) "Junior college" means an educational institution ~~which~~ THAT  
17 provides not more than two years of training in the arts, sciences, and  
18 humanities beyond the twelfth grade of the public high school curriculum  
19 or vocational education and ~~which~~ THAT conducts occupational, technical,  
20 and community service programs, with no term limitations, and general  
21 education, including college transfer programs, with unrestricted  
22 admissions; EXCEPT THAT COLORADO MOUNTAIN COLLEGE, IN ADDITION  
23 TO ITS MISSION AS A JUNIOR COLLEGE, MAY ALSO OFFER SUCH  
24 BACCALAUREATE DEGREE PROGRAMS AS ITS BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
25 DETERMINES APPROPRIATE TO ADDRESS THE NEEDS OF THE COMMUNITIES  
26 WITHIN ITS SERVICE AREA.

27 **SECTION 3. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,

- 1 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate
- 2 preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.