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**SENATE BILL 23-281**

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**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

101 **CONCERNING A REQUIRED NOTICE OF LIMITED TRANSFERABILITY OF**  
102 **COLLEGE CREDITS FROM A PRIVATE OCCUPATIONAL SCHOOL.**

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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>.)*

The bill requires a private occupational school to provide a notice with the copy of the executed enrollment contract that explains that credits from the school do not transfer to an institution of higher education that has regional accreditation.

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

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 23-64-112, **amend**  
3 (1)(m) as follows:

4 **23-64-112. Minimum standards.** (1) In establishing the criteria  
5 required by section 23-64-108 (1)(a), (1)(b), and (1)(j), the board shall  
6 observe and require compliance with at least the following minimum  
7 standards for all schools:

8 (m) That the school provides the student with a copy of the  
9 executed enrollment agreement or contract, at the time of enrollment, that  
10 complies with this article 64 AND INCLUDES A NOTICE OUTLINING THE  
11 FOLLOWING INFORMATION REGARDING LIMITED CREDIT TRANSFERABILITY:

12 (I) CREDITS OBTAINED AT THE SCHOOL WILL NOT TRANSFER TO  
13 STATE UNIVERSITIES, COLLEGES, COMMUNITY COLLEGES, OR PRIVATE,  
14 NON-PROFIT UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES THAT HAVE REGIONAL  
15 ACCREDITATION SUPPORTED BY THE STATE OF COLORADO; AND

16 (II) STUDENTS ARE ADVISED TO CHECK WHETHER OR NOT ANY  
17 INSTITUTION IN COLORADO OR IN ANOTHER STATE TO WHICH THE STUDENT  
18 MAY TRANSFER CREDITS WILL ACCEPT CREDITS OR DEGREES FROM THE  
19 NON-REGIONALLY ACCREDITED SCHOOL.

20 **SECTION 2. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act  
21 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the  
22 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly; except  
23 that, if a referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V  
24 of the state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this  
25 act within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take  
26 effect unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in

- 1 November 2024 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the
- 2 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.