

SENATE COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE AMENDMENT

Committee on Education.

SB22-088 be amended as follows:

1 Amend printed bill, strike everything below the enacting clause and  
2 substitute:

3 "SECTION 1. In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 23-3.3-1102 as  
4 follows:

5 **23-3.3-1102. Building and construction trade certificate tuition**  
6 **assistance grant program - funding - definitions - legislative**  
7 **declaration.** (1) THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FINDS, DETERMINES, AND  
8 DECLARES THAT:

9 (a) THE LACK OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING IN THE STATE IS A MATTER  
10 OF STATEWIDE CONCERN;

11 (b) ACCORDING TO A STUDY OF HOUSING DEVELOPMENT IN  
12 COLORADO, THE STATE HAS OVER ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY-FIVE  
13 THOUSAND FEWER HOUSING UNITS THAN NEEDED TO RESTORE ITS  
14 POPULATION-TO-HOUSING RATIO TO ITS HISTORIC RATIO FROM 1986  
15 THROUGH 2008;

16 (c) TO CLOSE THE DEFICIT AND ACCOUNT FOR PROJECTED  
17 POPULATION GROWTH, THE STATE WILL NEED TO ADD OVER FIFTY-FOUR  
18 THOUSAND HOUSING UNITS A YEAR THROUGH 2026;

19 (d) A SHORTAGE OF AVAILABLE CONSTRUCTION LABOR IS ONE OF  
20 THE BARRIERS TO CONSTRUCTING THE ADDITIONAL HOUSING UNITS  
21 NEEDED TO ADDRESS THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING CRISIS;

22 (e) FAMILIES ARE RELUCTANT TO SUPPORT THEIR CHILDREN  
23 PURSUING A CAREER IN THE CONSTRUCTION AND SKILLED LABOR TRADES  
24 DESPITE STRONG PREVAILING WAGES AND LOW BARRIERS TO ENTRY; AND

25 (f) IT IS THEREFORE NECESSARY FOR THE STATE TO ASSIST  
26 INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION IN EXPANDING ENROLLMENT OF  
27 STUDENTS IN QUALIFYING BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION CERTIFICATE  
28 PROGRAMS TO ENSURE COLORADO HAS AN ADEQUATE WORKFORCE TO  
29 SUPPORT THE CONSTRUCTION OF ADDITIONAL HOUSING UNITS.

30 (2) AS USED IN THIS SECTION, UNLESS THE CONTEXT OTHERWISE  
31 REQUIRES:

32 (a) "AREA TECHNICAL COLLEGE" HAS THE SAME MEANING AS  
33 DEFINED IN SECTION 23-60-103.

34 (b) "ELIGIBLE INSTITUTION" MEANS AN AREA TECHNICAL COLLEGE  
35 OR A PRIVATE OCCUPATIONAL SCHOOL, AS DEFINED IN SECTION 23-2-102  
36 (13).

37 (c) "ELIGIBLE STUDENT" MEANS A STUDENT ENROLLED IN A  
38 QUALIFYING BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION CERTIFICATE PROGRAM WHO  
39 MEETS THE INCOME ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS ESTABLISHED IN  
40 GUIDELINES ADOPTED BY THE COMMISSION.

1 (d) "QUALIFYING BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION TRADE  
2 CERTIFICATE PROGRAM" MEANS A BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION TRADE  
3 CERTIFICATE PROGRAM THAT:

4 (I) IS DESIGNED FOR STUDENTS IN OCCUPATIONS THAT PERFORM  
5 CONSTRUCTION, RECONSTRUCTION, RENOVATION, ALTERATION,  
6 DEMOLITION, PAINTING, REPAIR, OR MAINTENANCE WORK FOR ROADS,  
7 HIGHWAYS, BUILDINGS, STRUCTURES, INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES, OR  
8 IMPROVEMENTS OF ANY TYPE; AND

9 (II) DOES NOT MEET THE MINIMUM CREDIT HOUR REQUIREMENTS  
10 FOR THE FEDERAL PELL GRANT PROGRAM.

11 (e) "TUITION ASSISTANCE" MEANS MONEY THAT A STUDENT MAY  
12 USE TO PAY FOR TUITION, FEES, AND COURSE MATERIALS.

13 (3) (a) THE COMMISSION SHALL ESTABLISH A TUITION ASSISTANCE  
14 GRANT PROGRAM FOR STUDENTS ENROLLING IN QUALIFYING BUILDING AND  
15 CONSTRUCTION TRADE CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS TO INCREASE THE NUMBER  
16 OF STUDENTS ENROLLED IN SUCH PROGRAMS. AN ELIGIBLE INSTITUTION  
17 SEEKING A GRANT PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION SHALL SUBMIT AN  
18 APPLICATION TO THE COMMISSION ON A FORM APPROVED BY THE  
19 COMMISSION. THE APPLICANT SHALL INDICATE HOW THE GRANT MONEY  
20 WILL BE USED TO EXPAND THE NUMBER OF STUDENTS ENROLLED IN  
21 QUALIFYING BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION TRADE CERTIFICATE  
22 PROGRAMS.

23 (b) SUBJECT TO AVAILABLE APPROPRIATIONS, THE COMMISSION  
24 SHALL AWARD GRANTS TO ELIGIBLE INSTITUTIONS. THE DEPARTMENT OF  
25 HIGHER EDUCATION AND THE INSTITUTIONS THAT RECEIVE TUITION  
26 ASSISTANCE GRANT MONEY PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION SHALL  
27 ADMINISTER THE PROGRAM IN ACCORDANCE WITH POLICIES AND  
28 PROCEDURES THAT THE COMMISSION ESTABLISHES.

29 (4) THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY SHALL APPROPRIATE ANNUALLY NOT  
30 LESS THAN TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS TO SUPPORT THE PROGRAM  
31 ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION.

32 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 23-3.3-1101, **add** (3)  
33 as follows:

34 **23-3.3-1101. Career and technical education certificate**  
35 **program - tuition assistance - funding - definitions.** (3) IF THE  
36 COMMISSION DOES NOT ALLOCATE THE FULL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED  
37 PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION, THE COMMISSION MAY ALLOCATE THE  
38 UNALLOCATED AMOUNT TO THE BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION TRADE  
39 CERTIFICATE TUITION ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAM CREATED PURSUANT  
40 TO SECTION 23-3.3-1102.

41 **SECTION 3. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act  
42 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the  
43 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly; except

1 that, if a referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V  
2 of the state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this  
3 act within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take  
4 effect unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in  
5 November 2022 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the  
6 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor."

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