

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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**SECTION 3. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the 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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