

# An Act

SENATE BILL 23-281

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also REPRESENTATIVE(S) McLachlan, Amabile, Bacon, Bird, Brown, deGruy Kennedy, Dickson, Duran, English, Froelich, Hamrick, Kipp, Lieder, Marshall, McCormick, Michaelson Jenet, Ricks, Snyder, Titone, Valdez, Young, McCluskie.

CONCERNING A REQUIRED NOTICE OF LIMITED TRANSFERABILITY OF COLLEGE CREDITS FROM A NON-REGIONALLY-ACCREDITED HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTION.

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

**SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 23-2-103.3, **add (8)** as follows:

**23-2-103.3. Authorization to operate in Colorado - renewal - enrollment agreement.** (8) ALL HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS THAT ARE NOT REGIONALLY ACCREDITED SHALL PROVIDE ALL INCOMING STUDENTS WITH AN ENROLLMENT AGREEMENT OR CONTRACT BEFORE THE STUDENT ENROLLS. THE AGREEMENT MUST INCLUDE, AT A MINIMUM, A CONSPICUOUS NOTICE OUTLINING THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION REGARDING

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*Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material added to existing law; dashes through words or numbers indicate deletions from existing law and such material is not part of the act.*

LIMITED CREDIT TRANSFERABILITY:

(a) IF APPLICABLE, INFORMATION ABOUT WHERE STUDENTS CAN OBTAIN CREDIT FOR CREDENTIALS A STUDENT RECEIVES AS PART OF THE STATEWIDE CREDIT FOR PRIOR LEARNING POLICY, AS SET FORTH IN SECTION 23-5-145.5, OR ANY OTHER ARTICULATION AGREEMENT THE INSTITUTION MAY HAVE; AND

(b) A STATEMENT THAT INDIVIDUAL CREDITS OR CREDENTIALS OBTAINED AT THE INSTITUTION MAY NOT TRANSFER TO OTHER COLLEGES OR UNIVERSITIES AND THAT STUDENTS SHOULD CONFIRM WHETHER OR NOT THE CREDITS WILL TRANSFER IF THE STUDENT PLANS TO TRANSFER CREDITS.

**SECTION 2. 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 that, if a referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take effect unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in

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



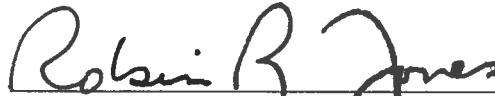
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