

## CHAPTER 63

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**EDUCATION - POSTSECONDARY**


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**HOUSE BILL 16-1083**

BY REPRESENTATIVE(S) Brown and Hamner, Arndt, Garnett, Lontine, Mitsch Bush, Priola, Rosenthal, Salazar, Vigil, Wilson; also SENATOR(S) Donovan and Grantham, Baumgardner, Crowder, Heath, Jahn, Johnston, Kerr, Lambert, Lundberg, Marble, Martinez Humenik, Merrifield, Neville T., Scheffel, Scott, Todd, Woods, Cadman.

**AN ACT****CONCERNING THE ROLE AND MISSION OF WESTERN STATE COLORADO UNIVERSITY.**

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

**SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **amend** 23-56-101 as follows:

**23-56-101. University established - role and mission.** There is hereby established a university at Gunnison, which shall be known as Western state Colorado university. Western state Colorado university shall be a general baccalaureate institution with ~~moderately~~ selective admission standards. Western state Colorado university shall offer undergraduate liberal arts and sciences ~~teacher preparation, and business~~ AND PROFESSIONAL degree programs, basic skills courses receiving resident credit pursuant to section 23-1-113.3, and a limited number of graduate programs. Western state Colorado university shall also serve as a regional education provider.

**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 (August 10, 2016, if adjournment sine die is on May 11, 2016); 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 2016 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.

Approved: April 1, 2016

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*Capital letters indicate new material added to existing statutes; dashes through words indicate deletions from existing statutes and such material not part of act.*