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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING RELOCATION OF THE COLORADO STUDENT LEADERS  
102 INSTITUTE FROM THE OFFICE OF THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR  
103 TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION.

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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 Colorado student leaders institute currently exists as a pilot program in the lieutenant governor's office. The bill relocates the institute to the department of higher education without change.

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Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.  
*Capital letters indicate new material to be added to existing statute.*  
*Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.*

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add with amended**  
3 **and relocated provisions** article 77 to title 23 as follows:

4 **ARTICLE 77**

5 **Colorado Student Leaders Institute Pilot Program**

6 **23-77-101. [Formerly 24-44.3-101] Legislative declaration.**

7 (1) The general assembly finds that:

8 (a) The state is committed to increasing the number of students  
9 who graduate from a Colorado high school, enroll in a Colorado  
10 institution of higher education, and graduate with a postsecondary  
11 credential in two to four academic years;

12 (b) Several states have implemented a summer residential  
13 education program for high school students who demonstrate exceptional  
14 intellectual curiosity, creativity, and maturity. While participating in the  
15 summer program, students attend classes, lectures, seminars, concerts, art  
16 exhibits, theatrical performances, and films and have the opportunity to  
17 learn independently and from distinguished faculty, staff members, and  
18 guest lecturers.

19 (c) The summer residential education programs implemented in  
20 other states have:

21 (I) Successfully developed a civic voice among the states' best  
22 students so that they graduate from high school as civic participants;

23 (II) Prepared motivated students to participate in a competitive  
24 workforce;

25 (III) Helped to create young leaders who are energized to find  
26 solutions for the pressing issues facing their states; and

27 (IV) Motivated students to remain in their home states for their

1 postsecondary education and careers; and

2 (d) A high percentage of the students who have participated in the  
3 summer residential education programs have subsequently enrolled in  
4 postsecondary education in their home states and earned a baccalaureate  
5 degree in four years.

6 (2) The general assembly finds, therefore, that it is in the best  
7 interests of the state to establish the Colorado student leaders institute as  
8 a pilot program using the model of summer residential education  
9 programs implemented in other states and to appropriate state ~~moneys~~  
10 MONEY to ensure the successful operations of the institute for the benefit  
11 of Colorado high school students.

12 (3) The general assembly further finds that, for purposes of  
13 section 17 of article IX of the state constitution, the Colorado student  
14 leaders institute is an accountable program that assists students in meeting  
15 state academic standards and may therefore receive funding from the state  
16 education fund created in section 17 (4) of article IX of the state  
17 constitution.

18 **23-77-102. [Formerly 24-44.3-102] Definitions.** As used in this  
19 ~~article~~ ARTICLE 77, unless the context otherwise requires:

20 (1) "Executive board" means the executive board of the Colorado  
21 student leaders institute established pursuant to ~~section 24-44.3-104~~  
22 SECTION 23-77-104.

23 (2) "Host institution" means the institution of higher education  
24 that the executive board contracts with pursuant to ~~section 24-44.3-104~~  
25 SECTION 23-77-104 to operate the institute.

26 (3) "Institute" means the Colorado student leaders institute created  
27 in ~~section 24-44.3-103~~ SECTION 23-77-103.

1           **23-77-103. [Formerly 24-44.3-103] Colorado student leaders**

2           **institute - created - applications.** (1) There is created in the office of the

3 ~~lieutenant governor~~ DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION the Colorado

4 student leaders institute to operate as a pilot program through the summer

5 of 2019. The institute is a competitive residential summer academic

6 program for students who are entering tenth or eleventh grade in the

7 coming fall semester. The institute operates for four weeks each summer

8 during which time students who are accepted to the institute attend

9 college-level classes, lectures, and seminars as well as enrichment

10 activities, including concerts and theatrical productions. Each student who

11 is accepted to the institute is encouraged to donate up to four hundred

12 dollars to the institute to assist in meeting operational costs. Subject to

13 available appropriations, up to one hundred students may annually

14 participate in the institute.

15           (2) (a) The institute shall annually offer classes in at least the  
16 following two areas:

17           (I) Science, technology, engineering, arts, and mathematics; and

18           (II) International social studies.

19           (b) The institute shall annually provide enrichment activities for  
20 students who participate in the institute, which must include but need not  
21 be limited to activities relating to visual expression and music  
22 appreciation.

23           (c) In addition to participating in classes and enrichment activities,  
24 students who participate in the institute must:

25           (I) Complete a history research project for a competition held  
26 during the term of the institute; and

27           (II) Complete a public service practicum that includes a final

1 report of findings and recommendations to the general assembly for  
2 legislative action.

3 (3) (a) (I) To apply to participate in the institute:

4 (A) A student who is enrolled in a public school that is not a  
5 charter school must be nominated by the superintendent of the school  
6 district in which the student is enrolled; and

7 (B) A student who is enrolled in a charter school or in a private  
8 school must be nominated by the principal of the school.

9 (II) A student who is participating in a nonpublic home-based  
10 educational program, as described in section 22-33-104.5, ~~C.R.S.~~, may  
11 apply without having been nominated.

12 (b) To apply to participate in the institute, a student must submit  
13 an application to the executive board that is in the form and meets the  
14 requirements established by the host institution. If the applying student is  
15 enrolled in a public school, the student must submit a copy of his or her  
16 individual career and academic plan, as described in section 22-2-136,  
17 ~~C.R.S.~~, with the application.

18 (4) The host institution shall award three hours of postsecondary  
19 academic credit to each student who successfully completes the institute.  
20 The school district or high school in which each student is enrolled is  
21 encouraged to apply the academic credit hours that a student receives for  
22 completing the institute toward completing the student's high school  
23 graduation requirements.

24 **23-77-104. [Formerly 24-44.3-104] Colorado student leaders**  
25 **institute - executive board - duties - repeal.** (1) An executive board  
26 appointed pursuant to subsection (2) of this section shall oversee the  
27 operations of the institute, including contracting with the host institution

1 and annually selecting students to participate in the institute.

2 (2) (a) The executive board consists of eleven members as  
3 follows:

4 (I) The governor, with the consent of the senate, shall appoint  
5 eight persons to serve as members of the executive board as follows:

6 (A) Two persons who are employed as educators in high schools  
7 in Colorado, one of whom is employed in a rural school district;

8 (B) Two persons who are employed as teaching faculty or  
9 administrators in an institution of higher education in Colorado; and

10 (C) Four persons from the community who have interest or  
11 experience in education; and

12 (II) The commissioner of education or his or her designee, the  
13 executive director of the department of higher education or his or her  
14 designee, and the chief executive officer of the host institution or his or  
15 her designee shall serve as members of the executive board.

16 (b) The appointed members of the executive board serve two-year  
17 terms and may be appointed to successive two-year terms; except that, of  
18 the members first appointed, the governor shall select four members to  
19 serve one-year terms. The appointed members of the executive board  
20 serve at the pleasure of the governor. If a vacancy arises on the executive  
21 board, the governor shall appoint a person to fill the vacancy for the  
22 remainder of the term.

23 (c) The members of the executive board serve without  
24 compensation and without reimbursement for expenses.

25 (d) The governor shall appoint the initial members to the  
26 executive board as soon as possible after June 6, 2015. In making  
27 appointments, the governor shall attempt to appoint persons who are

1 representative of the gender and racial diversity within the state and who  
2 represent areas throughout the state.

3 (e) (I) THE RELOCATION IN 2017 OF THE INSTITUTE FROM THE  
4 OFFICE OF THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER  
5 EDUCATION DOES NOT REQUIRE REAPPOINTMENT OF THE EXECUTIVE  
6 BOARD OR AFFECT THE LENGTH OF TERM OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD  
7 MEMBERS APPOINTED BEFORE 2017.

8 (II) THIS SUBSECTION (2)(e) IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018.

9 (3) The executive board has the following duties and powers:

10 (a) The executive board shall oversee and direct the operations of  
11 the institute, including reviewing the student applications received,  
12 annually selecting students to participate in the institute, and annually  
13 selecting the faculty and courses for the institute, taking into account the  
14 recommendations of the host institution. In reviewing applications and  
15 selecting students to participate in the institute, the executive board shall  
16 ensure that:

17 (I) At least fifty percent of the students selected to attend the  
18 institute each year:

19 (A) Are eligible for free or reduced-cost lunch pursuant to the  
20 federal "Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act", 42 U.S.C. sec.  
21 1751 et seq.; or

22 (B) Would be the first generation in their immediate families to  
23 attend an institute of higher education;

24 (II) The students who are selected reside in areas throughout the  
25 state; are representative of the gender, ethnic, racial, and socio-economic  
26 diversity of the state; and are representative of the educational program  
27 options available throughout the state; and

1 (III) The students who are selected demonstrate, through their  
2 individual career and academic plans for students enrolled in public  
3 schools, a commitment to continuing in postsecondary education after  
4 high school graduation.

5 (b) (I) The executive board shall issue a request for proposals for  
6 a public or private institution of higher education to host the institute. The  
7 executive board shall select and enter into a contract on behalf of the  
8 institute with the public or private institution of higher education in  
9 accordance with the applicable provisions of the "Procurement Code",  
10 articles 101 to 112 of ~~this title~~ TITLE 24. The executive board may enter  
11 into a multi-year contract with a public or private institution of higher  
12 education, subject to annual review and renewal.

13 (II) The contract to host the institute must require the host  
14 institution, at a minimum, to provide the following services in managing  
15 the institute:

16 (A) Establish requirements for and create the form of the  
17 applications that students submit to participate in the institute and  
18 establish the timelines for submitting applications and selecting  
19 participants;

20 (B) Review applications received from students and recommend  
21 participants to the executive board;

22 (C) Annually solicit educators to participate as faculty for the  
23 institute and annually recommend to the executive board faculty and  
24 courses for the institute;

25 (D) Provide space for classes, lectures, and seminars; and

26 (E) Provide living and eating facilities for students who  
27 participate in the institute.

1 (c) The executive board may appoint an advisory board consisting  
2 of persons in the community who are supportive of education to assist the  
3 executive board in marketing the institute and soliciting public and  
4 private gifts, grants, and donations for the institute. Any persons  
5 appointed to an advisory board pursuant to this ~~paragraph (c)~~ SUBSECTION  
6 (3)(c) serve without compensation and without reimbursement for  
7 expenses.

8 (d) Beginning in the 2017 regular legislative session, the  
9 executive board shall annually report to the education committees of the  
10 house of representatives and the senate, or any successor committees, the  
11 executive board's progress and success in implementing the institute. The  
12 executive board must, at a minimum, report the success of the institute as  
13 measured by the enrollment and progress of institute alumni in  
14 postsecondary educational programs.

15 **23-77-105. [Formerly 24-44.3-105] Colorado student leaders**  
16 **institute - funding - cash fund created.** (1) The general assembly shall  
17 annually appropriate ~~moneys~~ MONEY to the institute to pay the direct and  
18 indirect costs that the executive board incurs in operating the institute,  
19 including costs relating to the host institution and stipends for the institute  
20 faculty members.

21 (2) (a) In addition to the amount appropriated pursuant to  
22 subsection (1) of this section, the executive board, with the assistance of  
23 an advisory board if appointed, may solicit, accept, and expend public or  
24 private gifts, grants, or donations to implement the institute. The  
25 executive board shall transmit any ~~moneys~~ MONEY that it receives  
26 pursuant to this ~~paragraph (a)~~ SUBSECTION (2)(a) and any ~~moneys~~ MONEY  
27 it receives from participating students to the state treasurer. The state

1 treasurer shall deposit the ~~moneys~~ MONEY in the Colorado student leaders  
2 institute cash fund, referred to in this section as the "cash fund", which is  
3 created in the state treasury. Annual operation of the institute is  
4 conditional upon receiving at least forty thousand dollars in gifts, grants,  
5 or donations by June 1 of each year.

6 (b) The ~~moneys~~ MONEY in the cash fund ~~are~~ IS continuously  
7 appropriated to the executive board for the direct and indirect costs  
8 incurred in implementing the institute. The state treasurer may invest as  
9 provided by law any ~~moneys~~ MONEY in the cash fund that ~~are~~ IS not  
10 expended for the purposes of this ~~article~~ ARTICLE 77. The state treasurer  
11 shall credit to the cash fund all interest and income derived from the  
12 investment and deposit of ~~moneys~~ MONEY in the cash fund. Any  
13 unexpended and unencumbered ~~moneys~~ MONEY remaining in the cash  
14 fund at the end of a fiscal year must remain in the cash fund and shall not  
15 be credited to another fund; except that the state treasurer shall credit any  
16 unexpended and unencumbered ~~moneys~~ MONEY remaining in the fund as  
17 of June 30, 2019, to the state education fund created in section 17 (4) of  
18 article IX of the state constitution.

19 **23-77-106. [Formerly 24-44.3-106] Repeal of article.** This  
20 ~~article~~ ARTICLE 77 is repealed, effective July 1, 2019.

21 **SECTION 2. Repeal of relocated provisions in this act.** In  
22 Colorado Revised Statutes, **repeal** article 44.3 of title 24.

23 **SECTION 3. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,  
24 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate  
25 preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.