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HOUSE BILL 17-1258

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING RENAMING DELTA-MONTROSE TECHNICAL COLLEGE TO  
102 TECHNICAL COLLEGE OF THE ROCKIES.

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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 bill changes the name of "Delta-Montrose technical college" to "technical college of the Rockies".

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

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           **SECTION 1. Legislative declaration.** (1) The general assembly  
2 finds and declares that:

3           (a) Colorado has established throughout the state a variety of  
4 research, baccalaureate, community, local district, and technical colleges;

5           (b) The state's three area technical colleges provide secondary and  
6 postsecondary career and technical education;

7           (c) The area technical colleges are not state institutions of higher  
8 education, but instead a part of their local school districts;

9           (d) The Delta-Montrose technical college was established in 1977  
10 as a partnership between the Delta and Montrose school districts;

11           (e) The Delta-Montrose technical college provides career and  
12 technical education at secondary and postsecondary levels to students  
13 across a variety of geographic areas and communities in western  
14 Colorado;

15           (f) The Delta-Montrose technical college offers postsecondary  
16 certificates in important areas such as practical nursing, nurse assistants,  
17 emergency medical services, law enforcement, computer-aided design,  
18 early childhood, automotive, cosmetology, barbering, massage therapy,  
19 and business;

20           (g) Given some of the changing economic conditions of  
21 Colorado's western slope, maintaining a variety of postsecondary options,  
22 including a strong and vibrant career and technical education system, is  
23 critical; and

24           (h) Changing the name of Delta-Montrose technical college  
25 reflects the larger geographical boundaries of the technical college today  
26 and will enhance the geographic and reputational distinctiveness of the  
27 college.

1 (2) Therefore, the general assembly declares that to promote the  
2 availability of career and technical education throughout its service area,  
3 the Delta-Montrose technical college's name should be changed to the  
4 "technical college of the Rockies".

5 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 23-60-103, **amend**  
6 the introductory portion and (1) as follows:

7 **23-60-103. Definitions.** As used in this ~~article~~ ARTICLE 60, unless  
8 the context otherwise requires:

9 (1) "Area technical college" means a school offering approved  
10 postsecondary vocational programs for credit, operated by a local school  
11 district or by a board of cooperative services, and designated by the  
12 general assembly as an area technical college in conformity with  
13 standards established by the state board for community colleges and  
14 occupational education. Tuition rates and fees charged any person not  
15 enrolled in a secondary school curriculum ~~shall~~ MUST be uniform for any  
16 group classification. For the purposes of this ~~article~~ ARTICLE 60, the  
17 following schools are ~~declared to be~~ area technical colleges: The Emily  
18 Griffith technical college, the ~~Delta-Montrose~~ technical college OF THE  
19 ROCKIES, and the Pickens technical college.

20 **SECTION 3. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act  
21 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the  
22 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly (August  
23 9, 2017, if adjournment sine die is on May 10, 2017); except that, if a  
24 referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the  
25 state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act  
26 within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take effect  
27 unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in

- 1 November 2018 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the
- 2 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.