

CHAPTER 80

EDUCATION - PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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AN ACT

CONCERNING REQUIREMENTS FOR THE TUITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR STUDENTS ENROLLED IN CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS.

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

SECTION 1. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 23-3.3-1101, **amend** (1) as follows:

23-3.3-1101. Career and technical education certificate programs - tuition assistance - funding - definitions. (1) (a) The commission shall establish a tuition assistance program for students enrolled in QUALIFYING career and technical education certificate programs. ~~referred to in this section as "certificate programs"~~. Subject to available appropriations, the commission shall allocate ~~moneys~~ MONEY to community colleges, Colorado Mesa university, area technical colleges, and local district junior colleges to provide tuition assistance for students who ARE ENROLLED IN QUALIFYING CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS AND meet the income eligibility requirements ~~for the federal Pell grant but do not qualify for the Pell grant because the certificate program in which they are enrolled does not meet the Pell grant minimum credit hour requirements~~ ESTABLISHED IN GUIDELINES ADOPTED BY THE COMMISSION. The department of higher education and the institutions that receive tuition assistance ~~moneys~~ MONEY pursuant to this section shall administer the program in accordance with policies and procedures that the commission establishes.

(b) AS USED IN THIS SECTION, UNLESS THE CONTEXT OTHERWISE REQUIRES:

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

(I) "QUALIFYING CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION CERTIFICATE PROGRAM" MEANS A CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION CERTIFICATE PROGRAM THAT DOES NOT MEET THE MINIMUM CREDIT HOUR REQUIREMENTS FOR THE FEDERAL PELL GRANT PROGRAM.

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

SECTION 2. Safety clause. The general assembly hereby finds, determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.

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