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HOUSE BILL 18-1086

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Neville T. and Aguilar,

House Committees

Health, Insurance, & Environment

Senate Committees

A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING ALLOWING COMMUNITY COLLEGES TO OFFER A**
102 **BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE IN NURSING.**

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 allows a community college that is part of the state system of community and technical colleges to offer a bachelor of science degree in nursing.

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

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

1 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 23-60-211, **amend**
2 (4); and **add** (5) as follows:

3 **23-60-211. Degrees.** (4) Subject to the approval of the Colorado
4 commission on higher education pursuant to section 23-1-133, the board
5 may establish at community colleges within the state system technical,
6 career, and workforce development bachelor of applied science degree
7 programs. NOTWITHSTANDING THE PROVISIONS OF SUBSECTION (5) OF THIS
8 SECTION, nothing in this section shall be construed to allow for the
9 approval of bachelor of arts or bachelor of science degree programs.

10 (5) A COMMUNITY COLLEGE THAT IS PART OF THE STATE SYSTEM
11 OF COMMUNITY AND TECHNICAL COLLEGES ESTABLISHED AND GOVERNED
12 BY THIS PART 2 MAY OFFER A BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE IN NURSING.
13 **IN ORDER TO OFFER A BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE IN NURSING**
14 **PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTION (5), A COMMUNITY COLLEGE SHALL**
15 **FOLLOW AND MEET THE CURRENT NURSING STANDARDS FOR THE STATE OF**
16 **COLORADO. A COMMUNITY COLLEGE THAT OFFERS A BACHELOR OF**
17 **SCIENCE DEGREE IN NURSING PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTION (5) SHALL**
18 **SUBMIT AN ANNUAL REPORT TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION**
19 **THAT INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:**

20 (a) **THE NUMBER OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING DEGREES**
21 **AND THE NUMBER OF ASSOCIATE NURSING DEGREES, IF ANY, AWARDED;**

22 (b) **THE NUMBER OF NURSING PROGRAM GRADUATES WHO PASSED**
23 **THE STATE NURSING LICENSURE EXAMINATION; AND**

24 (c) **THE TOTAL TUITION FOR A STUDENT TO COMPLETE THE**
25 **COMMUNITY COLLEGE'S BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE IN NURSING**
26 **PROGRAM.**

27 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 23-1-113.7, **add** (6)

1 as follows:

2 **23-1-113.7. Commission directive - nursing programs -**
3 **employer-based gift and scholarship fund - legislative declaration -**

4 **reporting requirement.** (6) EACH STATE-SUPPORTED INSTITUTION OF
5 HIGHER EDUCATION THAT OFFERS A BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE IN
6 NURSING SHALL SUBMIT AN ANNUAL REPORT TO THE DEPARTMENT OF
7 HIGHER EDUCATION THAT INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

8 (a) THE NUMBER OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING DEGREES
9 AND THE NUMBER OF ASSOCIATE NURSING DEGREES, IF ANY, AWARDED;

10 (b) THE NUMBER OF NURSING PROGRAM GRADUATES WHO PASSED
11 THE STATE NURSING LICENSURE EXAMINATION; AND

12 (c) THE TOTAL TUITION FOR A STUDENT TO COMPLETE THE
13 STATE-SUPPORTED INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION'S BACHELOR OF
14 SCIENCE DEGREE IN NURSING PROGRAM.

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