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**HOUSE BILL 18-1300**

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**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

101 **CONCERNING GRANTING AUTHORITY FOR LOCAL DISTRICT COLLEGES**  
102 **TO PROVIDE A BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE IN NURSING**  
103 **PROGRAM AS A COMPLETION DEGREE TO STUDENTS WHO HAVE**  
104 **OR ARE PURSUING AN ASSOCIATE DEGREE IN NURSING.**

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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 allows a local district college (college), such as Aims community college, to offer a bachelor of science degree in nursing program as a completion degree in nursing to students who have or are

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Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material to be added to existing statute.  
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pursuing an associate degree in nursing, provided that the college's board of trustees determines it is appropriate to address the needs of the communities within its service area, as approved by the Colorado commission on higher education based on existing criteria.

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

2           **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 23-71-102, **amend**  
3 the introductory portion, (1)(b) introductory portion, and (1)(b)(II) as  
4 follows:

5           **23-71-102. Definitions.** As used in this ~~article~~ ARTICLE 71, unless  
6 the context otherwise requires:

7           (1) (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of ~~paragraph (a) of this~~  
8 ~~subsection (1)~~ SUBSECTION (1)(a) OF THIS SECTION:

9           (II) Aims community college, in addition to its mission as a local  
10 district college, may also offer, AS ITS BOARD OF TRUSTEES DETERMINES  
11 APPROPRIATE TO ADDRESS THE NEEDS OF THE COMMUNITIES WITHIN ITS  
12 SERVICE AREA THAT ARE APPROVED BY THE COLORADO COMMISSION ON  
13 HIGHER EDUCATION PURSUANT TO THE CRITERIA SET FORTH IN SECTION  
14 23-1-133 (2):

15           (A) Bachelor of applied science degree programs; ~~as its board of~~  
16 ~~trustees determines appropriate to address the needs of the communities~~  
17 ~~within its service area that are approved by the Colorado commission on~~  
18 ~~higher education pursuant to the criteria set forth in section 23-1-133 (2);~~

19 AND

20           (B) BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE IN NURSING PROGRAMS AS A  
21 COMPLETION DEGREE TO STUDENTS WHO HAVE OR ARE PURSUING AN  
22 ASSOCIATE DEGREE IN NURSING.

23           **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 23-71-133, **amend**

1 (1) and (3) as follows:

2 **23-71-133. Local district colleges - approval of baccalaureate**  
3 **degrees - attorney general to advise.** (1) When approving baccalaureate  
4 degrees for ~~Colorado mountain~~ ANY LOCAL DISTRICT college pursuant to  
5 the authority in section 23-71-102 (1), the Colorado commission on  
6 higher education shall make its determination based on the following  
7 criteria:

8 (a) Whether ~~Colorado mountain~~ THE LOCAL DISTRICT college can  
9 demonstrate workforce and student demand for the baccalaureate degree  
10 program by providing data;

11 (b) Whether ~~Colorado mountain~~ THE LOCAL DISTRICT college can  
12 demonstrate regional and professional accreditation requirements, when  
13 applicable, and compliance with those requirements as deemed  
14 appropriate at both the institutional and program levels;

15 (c) Whether ~~Colorado mountain~~ THE LOCAL DISTRICT college can  
16 demonstrate that its provision of the baccalaureate degree program is the  
17 most cost-effective method of providing the baccalaureate degree  
18 program in its service area; and

19 (d) Whether ~~Colorado mountain~~ THE LOCAL DISTRICT college can  
20 provide a cost-benefit analysis showing that the additional baccalaureate  
21 degree program will not create a negative impact for the LOCAL DISTRICT  
22 college or require additional state-appropriated ~~moneys~~ MONEY to  
23 operate.

24 (3) In accordance with the budget adopted by the board of trustees  
25 for ~~Colorado mountain college~~ pursuant to section 23-71-123 (1),  
26 ~~Colorado mountain~~ A LOCAL DISTRICT college may use any  
27 state-appropriated ~~moneys the college~~ MONEY IT receives, in addition to

1 any other revenues of the college, to operate any baccalaureate degree  
2 program that the Colorado commission on higher education approves  
3 pursuant to this section.

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