

## CHAPTER 54

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**EDUCATION - PUBLIC SCHOOLS**


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**HOUSE BILL 18-1005**

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also SENATOR(S) Priola, Aguilar, Court, Fenberg, Fields, Garcia, Guzman, Jahn, Jones, Kefalas, Kerr, Martinez Humenik, Merrifield, Moreno, Todd, Williams A.

**AN ACT****CONCERNING NOTICE OF POSTSECONDARY COURSE ENROLLMENT OPTIONS AVAILABLE TO HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS.**

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

**SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-35-104, **amend** (1)(b) as follows:

**22-35-104. Enrollment in an institution of higher education - cooperative agreement.** (1) (b) (I) Each local education provider shall annually notify all students and parents or legal guardians of students enrolled in the local education provider of the opportunity for concurrent enrollment by qualified students in postsecondary courses, including academic courses and career and technical education courses, ~~which may include~~ INCLUDING course work related to apprenticeship programs and internship programs. THE NOTICE PROVIDED PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTION (1)(b)(I) MUST INCLUDE THE LOCAL EDUCATION PROVIDER'S TIMELINES AFFECTING STUDENT ELIGIBILITY FOR CONCURRENT ENROLLMENT COURSES AND A STATEMENT INFORMING STUDENTS THAT THEY MAY SIGNIFICANTLY REDUCE THEIR COLLEGE EXPENSES, INCREASE THE LIKELIHOOD THAT THEY WILL COMPLETE COLLEGE, AND EARN MARKETABLE WORKFORCE SKILLS BY TAKING CONCURRENT ENROLLMENT COURSES.

(II) AT LEAST SIX WEEKS PRIOR TO THE BEGINNING OF THE ENROLLMENT PERIOD FOR POSTSECONDARY CONCURRENT ENROLLMENT COURSES, THE LOCAL EDUCATION PROVIDER SHALL PROVIDE TO EACH STUDENT AND THE PARENTS OR LEGAL GUARDIAN OF THE STUDENT WRITTEN NOTICE, WHICH NOTICE MAY BE SENT ELECTRONICALLY, OF ALL POSTSECONDARY COURSES OFFERED AT A LOCAL

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*Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material added to existing statutes; dashes through words indicate deletions from existing statutes and such material not part of act.*

EDUCATION PROVIDER'S FACILITY AND THE COST TO THE STUDENT OF EACH COURSE, AS WELL AS OPTIONS FOR ENROLLING IN COURSES AT AN INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION'S FACILITY AND THE COST TO THE STUDENT OF THOSE COURSES. THIS SUBSECTION (1)(b)(II) APPLIES TO ALL POSTSECONDARY COURSES AVAILABLE TO THE STUDENT REGARDLESS OF WHETHER THE COURSES MEET THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SECTION.

(H) (III) At the time of enrollment, each local education provider shall notify the student and the parent or legal guardian of the student if the postsecondary course in which the student is enrolling, including a postsecondary course offered as part of a program of off-campus instruction pursuant to section 23-1-109, ~~C.R.S.~~, does not meet the requirements of this section. The notice must include information about other postsecondary courses available to the student pursuant to this section at low or no cost to the student that are credit-bearing and applicable toward earning a degree or certificate at an institution of higher education or at any institution of higher education if the course is approved for statewide transfer pursuant to section 23-1-125. ~~C.R.S.~~ The institution of higher education offering the postsecondary course shall inform the local education provider as to whether the postsecondary course meets the requirements of this section.

**SECTION 2. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly (August 8, 2018, if adjournment sine die is on May 9, 2018); except that, if a referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take effect unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in November 2018 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.

Approved: March 22, 2018