

CHAPTER 278

EDUCATION - POSTSECONDARY

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AN ACT

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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.

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

SECTION 2. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 23-71-133, **amend** (1) and (3) as follows:

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

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

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

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

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

(3) In accordance with the budget adopted by the board of trustees for ~~Colorado mountain college~~ pursuant to section 23-71-123 (1), ~~Colorado mountain~~ A LOCAL DISTRICT college may use any state-appropriated ~~moneys the college~~ MONEY IT receives, in addition to any other revenues of the college, to operate any baccalaureate degree program that the Colorado commission on higher education approves pursuant to this section.

SECTION 3. 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: May 29, 2018