

CHAPTER 397

EDUCATION - PUBLIC SCHOOLS

SENATE BILL 18-225

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AN ACT

CONCERNING THE DEFINITION OF AN EARLY COLLEGE FOR PURPOSES OF THE "CONCURRENT ENROLLMENT PROGRAMS ACT".

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

SECTION 1. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-35-103, **amend** the introductory portion and (10) as follows:

22-35-103. Definitions. As used in this ~~article~~ ARTICLE 35, unless the context otherwise requires:

(10)(a) "Early college" means a secondary school that provides only a curriculum that is ~~designed in a manner that ensures that a~~ REQUIRES EACH STUDENT TO ENROLL IN AND COMPLETE SECONDARY AND POSTSECONDARY COURSES WHILE ENROLLED IN THE FOUR YEARS OF HIGH SCHOOL SUCH THAT, UPON SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF THE CURRICULUM, THE student ~~who successfully completes the curriculum~~ will have completed ~~either~~ THE REQUIREMENTS OF A HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA AND an associate's degree OR OTHER POSTSECONDARY CREDENTIAL OR AT LEAST sixty credits toward the completion of a postsecondary credential. THE CURRICULUM MUST BE DESIGNED TO BE COMPLETED WITHIN FOUR YEARS. "Early college" includes only the following:

- ~~(a)~~ (I) Dolores Huerta preparatory high school in Pueblo;
- ~~(b)~~ (II) Southwest early college charter high school in Denver;
- ~~(c)~~ (III) Front range early college in Denver;

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.

~~(d)~~ (IV) Colorado Springs early colleges in Colorado Springs;

~~(e)~~ (V) Early college high school in Arvada;

~~(f)~~ (VI) A secondary school that satisfies the provisions of this subsection (10) and identifies itself as an "early college" on May 21, 2009; and

~~(g)~~ (VII) A secondary school that is designated, after May 21, 2009, as an early college by the state board of education.

(b) AS SOON AS PRACTICABLE AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS SUBSECTION (10)(b), THE STATE BOARD SHALL REVIEW THE SECONDARY SCHOOLS DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (10)(a)(VI) OF THIS SECTION AND THE SECONDARY SCHOOLS DESIGNATED AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (10)(a)(VII) OF THIS SECTION AND CONFIRM WHETHER EACH SECONDARY SCHOOL MEETS THE CURRICULUM REQUIREMENTS SPECIFIED IN SUBSECTION (10)(a) OF THIS SECTION, AS AMENDED ON THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS SUBSECTION (10)(b). EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018, A SECONDARY SCHOOL THAT THE STATE BOARD DETERMINES DOES NOT MEET THE CURRICULUM REQUIREMENTS SPECIFIED IN SUBSECTION (10)(a) OF THIS SECTION IS NO LONGER DESIGNATED AS AN EARLY COLLEGE. IN REVIEWING A SCHOOL'S DESIGNATION, THE STATE BOARD SHALL NOT REQUIRE THE SCHOOL TO SUBMIT DOCUMENTATION BEYOND THE MINIMUM NECESSARY TO CONFIRM THAT THE SCHOOL'S CURRICULUM MEETS THE REQUIREMENTS SPECIFIED IN SUBSECTION (10)(a) OF THIS SECTION.

SECTION 2. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-54-103, **amend** the introductory portion; and **add** (10)(g) as follows:

22-54-103. Definitions. As used in this ~~article~~ ARTICLE 54, unless the context otherwise requires:

(10)(g) FOR THE 2018-19 AND 2019-20 BUDGET YEARS, A DISTRICT MAY INCLUDE IN ITS PUPIL ENROLLMENT PUPILS WHO ARE ENROLLED IN A SCHOOL THAT WAS DESIGNATED PURSUANT TO SECTION 22-35-103 (10) AS AN EARLY COLLEGE BEFORE THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF SENATE BILL 18-225, ENACTED IN 2018, AND WHO, AFTER COMPLETING FOUR YEARS OF HIGH SCHOOL, ENROLL FOR THE 2018-19 OR 2019-20 BUDGET YEARS IN POSTSECONDARY COURSES.

SECTION 3. 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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