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HOUSE BILL 19-1153

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING MEASURES TO ENABLE LOCAL DISTRICT COLLEGES TO**
102 **SERVE MORE STUDENTS.**

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 changes the role and mission of Colorado mountain college from authorizing no more than 5 baccalaureate degree programs, as determined by its board, to authorizing a limited number of baccalaureate degree programs, as determined by its board.

After a local college district annexes a school district or group of school districts into the local college district, for at least 5 years after

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annexation, the bill requires the Colorado commission on higher education to annually consider recommending increases to the direct grant amount appropriated to a local college district to reflect increases in resident enrollment. Prior to recommending the increase, the commission shall consult the affected local college district.

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 (1)(b)(I) as follows:

4 **23-71-102. Definitions.** As used in this article 71, unless the
5 context otherwise requires:

6 (1) (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (1)(a) of this
7 section:

8 (I) Colorado mountain college, in addition to its mission as a local
9 district college, may also offer ~~no more than five~~ A LIMITED NUMBER OF
10 baccalaureate degree programs as its board of trustees determines
11 appropriate to address the needs of the communities within its service
12 area and that are approved by the Colorado commission on higher
13 education.

14 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 23-71-301, **add** (4)
15 as follows:

16 **23-71-301. Direct grants to local college districts -**
17 **occupational courses.** (4) (a) IF A SCHOOL DISTRICT OR GROUP OF
18 SCHOOL DISTRICTS IS ANNEXED INTO AN EXISTING LOCAL COLLEGE
19 DISTRICT PURSUANT TO SECTION 23-71-128, FOR AT LEAST FIVE YEARS
20 AFTER THE DATE OF THE ANNEXATION, THE COMMISSION SHALL ANNUALLY
21 CONSIDER RECOMMENDING THAT THE LOCAL COLLEGE DISTRICT'S DIRECT
22 GRANT, AFTER APPLYING ANY ADJUSTMENTS SET FORTH IN SECTION
23 23-18-304 (3), BE INCREASED AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 23-18-304 (3)(b)

1 TO RECOGNIZE INCREASES IN RESIDENT ENROLLMENT RESULTING FROM
2 THE ANNEXATION PROCESS.

3 (b) PRIOR TO RECOMMENDING AN INCREASE TO A LOCAL COLLEGE
4 DISTRICT'S DIRECT GRANT PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (4)(a) OF THIS
5 SECTION, THE COLORADO COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION SHALL
6 CONSULT WITH THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE AFFECTED LOCAL COLLEGE
7 DISTRICT.

8 **SECTION 3. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act
9 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the
10 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly (August
11 2, 2019, if adjournment sine die is on May 3, 2019); except that, if a
12 referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the
13 state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act
14 within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take effect
15 unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in
16 November 2020 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the
17 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.