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SENATE BILL 23-281

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING A REQUIRED NOTICE OF LIMITED TRANSFERABILITY OF**
102 **COLLEGE CREDITS FROM A NON-REGIONALLY-ACCREDITED**
103 **HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTION.**

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 requires a private occupational school to provide a notice with the copy of the executed enrollment contract that explains that credits from the school do not transfer to an institution of higher education that has regional accreditation.

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.
Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material to be added to existing law.
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SENATE
3rd Reading Unamended
April 27, 2023

SENATE
Amended 2nd Reading
April 26, 2023

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 23-2-103.3, add (8)
3 as follows:

4 **23-2-103.3. Authorization to operate in Colorado - renewal -**
5 **enrollment agreement. (8) ALL HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS THAT**
6 ARE NOT REGIONALLY ACCREDITED SHALL PROVIDE ALL INCOMING
7 STUDENTS WITH AN ENROLLMENT AGREEMENT OR CONTRACT BEFORE THE
8 STUDENT ENROLLS. THE AGREEMENT MUST INCLUDE, AT A MINIMUM, A
9 CONSPICUOUS NOTICE OUTLINING THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION
10 REGARDING LIMITED CREDIT TRANSFERABILITY:

11 (a) IF APPLICABLE, INFORMATION ABOUT WHERE STUDENTS CAN
12 OBTAIN CREDIT FOR CREDENTIALS A STUDENT RECEIVES AS PART OF THE
13 STATEWIDE CREDIT FOR PRIOR LEARNING POLICY, AS SET FORTH IN SECTION
14 23-5-145.5, OR ANY OTHER ARTICULATION AGREEMENT THE INSTITUTION
15 MAY HAVE; AND

16 (b) A STATEMENT THAT INDIVIDUAL CREDITS OR CREDENTIALS
17 OBTAINED AT THE INSTITUTION MAY NOT TRANSFER TO OTHER COLLEGES
18 OR UNIVERSITIES AND THAT STUDENTS SHOULD CONFIRM WHETHER OR NOT
19 THE CREDITS WILL TRANSFER IF THE STUDENT PLANS TO TRANSFER
20 CREDITS.

21 **SECTION 2. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act
22 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the
23 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly; except
24 that, if a referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V
25 of the state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this
26 act within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take

1 effect unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in
2 November 2024 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the
3 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.