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STATE OF COLORADO**

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LLS NO. 24-0704.01 Alana Rosen x2606

**SENATE BILL 24-051**

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**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

101      **CONCERNING MODIFICATIONS TO ENHANCE ADULT EDUCATION IN**  
102      **COLORADO.**

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**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>.)*

Current law permits a community college or local district college to develop and implement minimum graduation requirements, respectively, for a high school diploma. The bill gives that authority to the state board of community colleges and occupational education and a local district college board of trustees.

The bill authorizes the department of education (department) to

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.  
*Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material to be added to existing law.*  
*Dashes through the words or numbers indicate deletions from existing law.*

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February 21, 2024

SENATE  
3rd Reading Unamended  
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SENATE  
2nd Reading Unamended  
February 5, 2024

roll forward unexpended and unencumbered money appropriated to the department from the general fund for the 2023-24 and 2024-25 state fiscal years for the adult education and literacy grant program (program). The money is available to the department for the program through the 2028-29 state fiscal year, at which time it reverts to the general fund.

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

2           **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 23-60-111, **amend**  
3 (1) as follows:

4           **23-60-111. Community colleges - high school diplomas -**  
5 **approval.** (1) ~~A community college may develop and implement~~  
6 ~~minimum graduation requirements for a high school diploma based on the~~  
7 ~~high school graduation requirements of a school district within the~~  
8 ~~geographic area of the community college~~ The BOARD MAY ESTABLISH  
9 AND APPROVE GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS FOR A HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA.  
10 A community college shall award a high school diploma to a student who  
11 successfully completes the high school graduation requirements  
12 ~~implemented by the community college~~ APPROVED BY THE BOARD.

13           **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 23-71-135, **amend**  
14 (1) as follows:

15           **23-71-135. Local district colleges - high school diplomas -**  
16 **approval.** (1) A local district college ~~may develop and implement~~  
17 ~~minimum graduation requirements for a high school diploma based on the~~  
18 ~~high school graduation requirements of a school district within the~~  
19 ~~geographic area of the local district college.~~ The BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
20 MAY ESTABLISH AND APPROVE GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS FOR A HIGH  
21 SCHOOL DIPLOMA. A local district college shall award a high school  
22 diploma to a student who successfully completes the high school  
23 graduation requirements ~~implemented by the local district college~~

1 APPROVED BY A LOCAL DISTRICT COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

2 **SECTION 3.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-10-104, **add** (4)  
3 as follows:

4 **22-10-104. Adult education and literacy grant program -**  
5 **created - rules.** (4) ANY UNEXPENDED AND UNENCUMBERED MONEY  
6 APPROPRIATED TO THE DEPARTMENT FROM THE GENERAL FUND FOR THE  
7 ADULT EDUCATION AND LITERACY GRANT PROGRAM FOR THE 2023-24  
8 STATE FISCAL YEAR AND THE 2024-25 STATE FISCAL YEAR REMAINS  
9 AVAILABLE FOR EXPENDITURE BY THE DEPARTMENT FOR THE PURPOSES OF  
10 THE ADULT EDUCATION AND LITERACY GRANT PROGRAM THROUGH THE  
11 2028-29 STATE FISCAL YEAR WITHOUT FURTHER APPROPRIATION. AT THE  
12 END OF THE 2028-29 STATE FISCAL YEAR, THE MONEY THAT IS  
13 UNEXPENDED OR UNENCUMBERED REVERTS TO THE GENERAL FUND.

14 **SECTION 4. Safety clause.** The general assembly finds,  
15 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate  
16 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety or for appropriations for  
17 the support and maintenance of the departments of the state and state  
18 institutions.