

CHAPTER 14

EDUCATION - PUBLIC SCHOOLS

SENATE BILL 24-051

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AN ACT**CONCERNING MODIFICATIONS TO ENHANCE ADULT EDUCATION IN COLORADO.**

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

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

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

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

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

Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material added to existing law; dashes through words or numbers indicate deletions from existing law and such material is not part of the act.

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

22-10-104. Adult education and literacy grant program - created - rules.

(4) ANY UNEXPENDED AND UNENCUMBERED MONEY APPROPRIATED TO THE DEPARTMENT FROM THE GENERAL FUND FOR THE ADULT EDUCATION AND LITERACY GRANT PROGRAM FOR THE 2023-24 STATE FISCAL YEAR AND THE 2024-25 STATE FISCAL YEAR REMAINS AVAILABLE FOR EXPENDITURE BY THE DEPARTMENT FOR THE PURPOSES OF THE ADULT EDUCATION AND LITERACY GRANT PROGRAM THROUGH THE 2028-29 STATE FISCAL YEAR WITHOUT FURTHER APPROPRIATION. AT THE END OF THE 2028-29 STATE FISCAL YEAR, THE MONEY THAT IS UNEXPENDED OR UNENCUMBERED REVERTS TO THE GENERAL FUND.

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

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