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INTERIM COMMITTEE BILL

Making Higher Education Attainable Interim Study Committee

BILL TOPIC: "Expand School Counselor Corps Grant Program"

A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING EXPANDING THE SCHOOL COUNSELOR CORPS GRANT**
102 **PROGRAM.**

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/>.)

Making Higher Education Attainable Interim Study Committee. Under existing law, the goal of the school counselor corps grant program (grant program) is to increase the availability of effective school-based counseling to, in part, help increase the percentage of students who appropriately prepare for, apply to, and continue into postsecondary education. The bill expands the purpose of the grant

*Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material to be added to existing statute.
Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.*

program to include the goal of increasing the percentage of students who complete a program of higher education. The bill requires grant applicants to specify how the applicant's postsecondary preparation services help prepare students to complete a program of postsecondary education.

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

SECTION 1. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-91-103, **amend** (1)(a) as follows:

22-91-103. School counselor corps grant program - created - rules. (1) (a) There is created in the department the school counselor corps grant program to provide funding to education providers. The goal of the program is to increase the availability of effective school-based counseling to help increase the graduation rate within the state and increase the percentage of students who appropriately prepare for, apply to, ~~and~~ continue into, AND COMPLETE A PROGRAM OF postsecondary education.

SECTION 2. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-91-104, **add** (2)(e.5) as follows:

22-91-104. School counselor corps grant program - application - criteria - grant awards - rules - repeal. (2) At a minimum, each grant application must specify:

(e.5) HOW THE POSTSECONDARY PREPARATION SERVICES PROVIDED TO STUDENTS ENROLLED IN OR RECEIVING EDUCATIONAL SERVICES FROM THE EDUCATION PROVIDER HELP PREPARE THE STUDENTS TO COMPLETE A PROGRAM OF POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION.

SECTION 3. Act subject to petition - effective date. This act takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly (August

1 5, 2020, if adjournment sine die is on May 6, 2020); except that, if a
2 referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the
3 state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act
4 within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take effect
5 unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in
6 November 2020 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the
7 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.