

## CHAPTER 73

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**EDUCATION - UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES**

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**HOUSE BILL 94-1054**

BY REPRESENTATIVES Sullivan, Owen, George, Eisenach, Jerke, and Moellenberg;  
also SENATORS Ament, L. Powers, and Schroeder.

**AN ACT****CONCERNING FUNDING FOR LOCALLY GOVERNED POSTSECONDARY INSTITUTIONS THAT RECEIVE FUNDS THROUGH THE STATE BOARD FOR COMMUNITY COLLEGES AND OCCUPATIONAL EDUCATION.**

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

**SECTION 1.** 23-71-301 (1), Colorado Revised Statutes, 1988 Repl. Vol., is amended to read:

**23-71-301. Direct grants to junior college districts - occupational courses.**

(1) (a) Any junior college district operating or organized and operating as such during the entire school year in which a grant is made shall be entitled to a direct grant, from funds appropriated for this purpose, ~~as provided in paragraph (b) of this subsection (1), for each Colorado resident student carrying an average of forty-five quarter hours or thirty semester hours of credit during the current regular academic year of distribution; but credit work carried by part-time, special, and summer-term Colorado resident students who carry less than a forty-five quarter hour load per year or a thirty hour semester load per year and full-time Colorado resident students who complete less than three quarters or two semesters during any year shall be counted on a pro rata basis in such proportion as the work carried bears to a full load or the time completed bears to a full academic year, and grants shall be made on such a full-time equivalent basis.~~ IN AN AMOUNT SPECIFIED ANNUALLY BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY. Procedures for the certification by junior college districts to the state board for community colleges and occupational education, referred to in this part 3 as the "board", of the numbers of students and the quarter or semester hours for which students are registered shall be prescribed by regulation of the board. No moneys shall be distributed under this section for any students other than those enrolled in postsecondary courses for credit in degree and certificate programs.

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*Capital letters indicate new material added to existing statutes; dashes through words indicate deletions from existing statutes and such material not part of act.*

(b) ~~The direct grant for each Colorado resident student carrying a full-time load as provided in paragraph (a) of this subsection (1) shall be an amount not to exceed two-thirds of the average amount established pursuant to section 23-1-104 of general fund support for each full-time equivalent resident student enrolled at a college in the state system of community and technical colleges. The board shall establish procedures for the distribution of such DIRECT grants that encourage each district college to maintain an appropriate balance of vocational enrollments within its service area.~~

**SECTION 2.** 23-71-303 (1), Colorado Revised Statutes, 1988 Repl. Vol., is amended to read:

**23-71-303. Distributions to area vocational schools.** (1) Any area vocational school operating or organized and operating as such during the entire school year may be reimbursed by the state in an amount ~~no greater than twenty-five percent more than the amount of the current grant authorized in section 23-71-301 per student FTE, and for the direct operating expenses of postsecondary vocational programs approved by the board.~~ SPECIFIED ANNUALLY BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY. In no instance shall such reimbursement exceed the total direct cost of the vocational program per FTE.

**SECTION 3. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds, determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.

Approved: March 31, 1994