

## CHAPTER 233

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**EDUCATION - UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES**

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**HOUSE BILL 09-1295**

BY REPRESENTATIVE(S) Todd and Massey, Carroll T., Benefield, Merrifield, Middleton, Casso, Frangas, Hullinghorst, Kerr A., Labuda, McGihon, Miklosi, Murray, Scanlan, Curry, Ferrandino, Green, Kerr J., King S., Nikkel, Pace, Priola, Rice, Ryden, Schafer S., Solano, Stephens, Summers, Vigil;  
also SENATOR(S) Heath, Bacon, King K., Veiga, Spence, Boyd, Carroll M., Foster, Gibbs, Groff, Hodge, Hudak, Newell, Schwartz, Shaffer B., Tochtrop, Williams.

**AN ACT****CONCERNING AUTHORIZING METROPOLITAN STATE COLLEGE OF DENVER TO OFFER MASTER'S DEGREE PROGRAMS.**

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

**SECTION 1.** 23-54-101, Colorado Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

**23-54-101. College established - role and mission - governance.** There is hereby established a college at Denver, to be known as Metropolitan state college of Denver, which shall be a comprehensive ~~baccalaureate~~ institution with modified open admission standards AT THE BACCALAUREATE LEVEL; except that nontraditional students AT THE BACCALAUREATE LEVEL who are at least twenty years of age shall only have as an admission requirement a high school diploma, a GED high school equivalency certificate, or the equivalent thereof. Metropolitan state college of Denver shall offer a variety of liberal arts and science, technical, and educational programs. The college may offer a limited number of professional programs. IN FURTHERANCE OF ITS ROLE AND MISSION, Metropolitan state college of Denver ~~shall not~~ MAY offer ~~graduate~~ MASTER'S DEGREE programs THAT ADDRESS THE NEEDS OF ITS URBAN SERVICE AREA.

**SECTION 2. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act shall take effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly that is allowed for submitting a referendum petition pursuant to article V, section 1 (3) of the state constitution, (August 5, 2009, if adjournment sine die is on May 6, 2009); except that, if a referendum petition is

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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.*

filed against this act or an item, section, or part of this act within such period, then the act, item, section, or part, if approved by the people, shall take effect on the date of the official declaration of the vote thereon by proclamation of the governor.

Approved: May 4, 2009