

## CHAPTER 383

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**EDUCATION - POSTSECONDARY**

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**HOUSE BILL 13-1320**

BY REPRESENTATIVE(S) Waller and Hullinghorst, Foote, Melton, Pettersen, Priola, Singer, Young, Ferrandino, Gardner, Gerou, Landgraf, Lawrence, Levy, Murray, Wilson, Wright, Buckner, Court, Exum, Fields, Ginal, Kraft-Tharp, Labuda, Lee, May, Mitsch Bush, Moreno, Pabon, Peniston, Primavera, Rosenthal, Ryden, Salazar, Schafer, Duran, Hamner, Joshi, Kagan, Lebsock, Vigil, Williams;  
also SENATOR(S) Heath, Guzman, Hudak, Kerr, Crowder, Hodge, Kefalas, Roberts, Schwartz, Ulibarri.

**AN ACT****CONCERNING FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR MERITORIOUS COLORADO STUDENTS AT STATE-SUPPORTED INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION.**

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

**SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 23-1-113.5, **add** (5) as follows:

**23-1-113.5. Commission directive - resident admissions - definitions.**

(5) (a) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY PROVISION OF THIS SECTION TO THE CONTRARY, BEGINNING IN THE FALL SEMESTER OF 2013, A STATE-SUPPORTED INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION OR A CAMPUS OF THE INSTITUTION MAY COUNT EACH COLORADO SCHOLAR WHO ENROLLS AT THE INSTITUTION OR THE CAMPUS OF THE INSTITUTION AS TWO IN-STATE STUDENTS FOR PURPOSES OF CALCULATING THE PERCENTAGES AND FRACTIONS OF IN-STATE STUDENTS REQUIRED IN THIS SECTION.

(b) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY PROVISION OF THIS SECTION TO THE CONTRARY, BEGINNING IN THE FALL SEMESTER OF 2013, A STATE-SUPPORTED INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION OR A CAMPUS OF THE INSTITUTION MEETS THE REQUIREMENTS SPECIFIED IN SUBPARAGRAPH (IV) OF PARAGRAPH (a) OF SUBSECTION (4) OF THIS SECTION IF THE PERCENTAGE OF IN-STATE STUDENTS ADMITTED TO THE INSTITUTION OR TO EACH CAMPUS OF THE INSTITUTION BASED ON CRITERIA THAT ARE IN LIEU OF THE ESTABLISHED STATEWIDE CRITERIA AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 23-1-113 (1) (b) PLUS THE PERCENTAGE OF IN-STATE STUDENTS ENROLLING AS COLORADO SCHOLARS EXCEEDS THE PERCENTAGE OF NONRESIDENT STUDENTS ADMITTED TO THE INSTITUTION OR TO EACH CAMPUS OF THE INSTITUTION BASED ON CRITERIA THAT ARE IN LIEU OF THE ESTABLISHED STATEWIDE CRITERIA.

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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.*

(c) THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SUBSECTION (5) APPLY ONLY TO A STATE-SUPPORTED INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION, OR TO A CAMPUS OF THE INSTITUTION, THAT ESTABLISHES AND FUNDS A COLORADO SCHOLAR PROGRAM.

(d) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY PROVISION OF THIS SUBSECTION (5) TO THE CONTRARY, THE NUMBER OF COLORADO SCHOLARS THAT EACH INSTITUTION COUNTS FOR PURPOSES OF SUBPARAGRAPHS (a) AND (b) OF THIS SUBSECTION (5) IN AN ACADEMIC YEAR SHALL NOT EXCEED EIGHT PERCENT OF THE TOTAL NUMBER OF IN-STATE STUDENTS THAT THE INSTITUTION COUNTS IN THE APPLICABLE FRACTION OR PERCENTAGE IN THAT ACADEMIC YEAR.

(e) AS USED IN THIS SUBSECTION (5):

(I) "COLORADO SCHOLAR" MEANS AN IN-STATE STUDENT WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE IN AN INSTITUTIONAL COLORADO SCHOLAR PROGRAM AND IS DESIGNATED BY THE STATE-SUPPORTED INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION AS A COLORADO SCHOLAR. A STUDENT IS ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE IN A COLORADO SCHOLAR PROGRAM ONLY IF THE STUDENT GRADUATES IN THE TOP TEN PERCENT OF THE STUDENT'S HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OR GRADUATES WITH AT LEAST A 3.75 GRADE POINT AVERAGE, HAVING COMPLETED A HIGHLY RIGOROUS COLLEGE PREPARATORY CURRICULUM, AND MEETS ANY ADDITIONAL CRITERIA ESTABLISHED BY THE INSTITUTION.

(II) "COLORADO SCHOLAR PROGRAM" MEANS AN INSTITUTIONAL PROGRAM OR GROUP OF PROGRAMS THAT AWARDS INSTITUTIONAL FINANCIAL AID OR SCHOLARSHIPS TO UNDERGRADUATE, DEGREE-SEEKING, IN-STATE STUDENTS, WITH THE GOAL OF ATTRACTING IN-STATE STUDENTS TO AND RETAINING THEM IN COLORADO INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION. A STATE-SUPPORTED INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION SHALL PROVIDE EACH STUDENT WHO IS DESIGNATED AS A COLORADO SCHOLAR FOR PURPOSES OF PARAGRAPHS (a) AND (b) OF THIS SUBSECTION (5) AT LEAST TWO THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS IN ANNUAL FINANCIAL AID OR SCHOLARSHIP MONEYS THROUGH THE INSTITUTION'S COLORADO SCHOLAR PROGRAM.

**SECTION 2. 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: June 5, 2013