

SENATE COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE REPORT

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Chair of Committee

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Date

February 3, 2022

Committee on Education.

After consideration on the merits, the Committee recommends the following:

SB22-008 be amended as follows, and as so amended, be referred to the Committee on Appropriations with favorable recommendation:

1 Amend printed bill, page 2, strike lines 2 through 4 and substitute:  
2 "SECTION 1. In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** part 14 to  
3 article 3.3 of title 23 as follows:

4 PART 14  
5 FOSTER YOUTH FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM  
6 **23-3.3-1401. Financial aid for students who have been in".**

7 Page 2, line 5, strike "**higher education liaison**" and substitute  
8 "**institution liaisons - regional navigators**".

9 Page 3, line 5, strike "MUST WAIVE ANY" and substitute "SHALL PROVIDE  
10 FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO A QUALIFYING STUDENT FOR THE REMAINING  
11 BALANCE OF THE STUDENT'S TOTAL COST OF ATTENDANCE IN EXCESS OF  
12 THE AMOUNT OF ANY PRIVATE, STATE, OR FEDERAL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE  
13 RECEIVED BY THE STUDENT, REFERRED TO IN THIS SECTION AS "REMAINING  
14 BALANCE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE", DURING THE FIRST ONE HUNDRED  
15 THIRTY-TWO SEMESTER HOURS OR ONE HUNDRED NINETY-EIGHT QUARTER  
16 HOURS THAT THE STUDENT IS ENROLLED AT THE INSTITUTION."

17 Page 3, strike lines 6 through 12.

18 Page 3, line 13, strike "A TUITION WAIVER," and substitute "REMAINING  
19 BALANCE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE,".

20 Page 3, line 23, strike "WAIVER" and substitute "FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE".

21 Page 4, after line 1, insert:  
22 "(3) THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY SHALL APPROPRIATE MONEY TO THE  
23 COMMISSION TO COVER FIFTY PERCENT OF PROVIDING REMAINING

1 BALANCE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO QUALIFYING STUDENTS. SUBJECT TO  
2 AVAILABLE APPROPRIATIONS, THE COMMISSION SHALL PROVIDE FUNDING  
3 TO AN INSTITUTION EQUAL TO FIFTY PERCENT OF THE REMAINING BALANCE  
4 FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROVIDED BY THE INSTITUTION.

5 (4) THE COMMISSION SHALL PROMULGATE RULES NECESSARY FOR  
6 THE ADMINISTRATION OF THIS SECTION."

7 Renumber succeeding subsection accordingly.

8 Page 4, strike lines 6 through 14 and substitute "LIAISON. THE LIAISON  
9 SHALL PROVIDE QUALIFYING STUDENTS AND PROSPECTIVE QUALIFYING  
10 STUDENTS WITH".

11 Page 4, line 15, strike "TUITION WAIVERS," and substitute "FINANCIAL  
12 ASSISTANCE,".

13 Page 4, after line 17 insert:

14 (b) EACH INSTITUTION SHALL PROVIDE THE FOSTER CARE  
15 STUDENT NAVIGATOR OFFICE DESCRIBED SUBSECTION (4) OF THIS SECTION  
16 WITH THE CONTACT INFORMATION FOR THE LIAISON.

17 (6) (a) THE DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION SHALL ESTABLISH  
18 THE FOSTER CARE STUDENT NAVIGATOR OFFICE TO ASSIST PROSPECTIVE  
19 QUALIFYING STUDENTS IN APPLYING FOR AND ENROLLING IN INSTITUTIONS  
20 OF HIGHER EDUCATION.

21 (b) THE HEAD OF THE OFFICE IS THE DIRECTOR OF THE FOSTER  
22 CARE STUDENT NAVIGATOR OFFICE. THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE  
23 COLORADO COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION SHALL APPOINT THE  
24 DIRECTOR. THE DIRECTOR SHALL HIRE STAFF NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT  
25 THE OFFICE'S RESPONSIBILITIES.

26 (c) THE DIRECTOR, AFTER CONSULTATION WITH THE COMMISSION,  
27 SHALL DIVIDE THE STATE INTO FOUR REGIONS AND ASSIGN A REGIONAL  
28 NAVIGATOR TO EACH REGION. EACH REGIONAL NAVIGATOR SHALL WORK  
29 WITH SCHOOL DISTRICT AND STATE CHARTER SCHOOL INSTITUTE CHILD  
30 WELFARE EDUCATION LIAISONS, DESCRIBED IN SECTION 22-32-138 (2),  
31 WITHIN THE NAVIGATOR'S REGION TO IDENTIFY PROSPECTIVE QUALIFYING  
32 STUDENTS. THE NAVIGATOR SHALL PROVIDE GUIDANCE TO PROSPECTIVE  
33 QUALIFYING STUDENTS WITH SELECTING INSTITUTIONS AND PROGRAMS IN  
34 WHICH THE STUDENT MAY WANT TO ENROLL. THE NAVIGATOR SHALL, AT  
35 THE REQUEST OF A STUDENT, ASSIST THE STUDENT WITH COMPLETING AN  
36 INSTITUTION'S APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION, THE FREE APPLICATION FOR  
37 FEDERAL STUDENT AID, AND, IF ELIGIBLE, THE APPLICATION FOR A CHAFEE  
38 ETV GRANT."

- 1 Page 5, strike lines 16 and 17 and substitute: "INFORMATION ABOUT THE
- 2 FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE DESCRIBED IN SECTION 23-3.3-1401."

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