

HOUSE COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE REPORT

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Chair of Committee

March 18, 2024  
Date

Committee on Education.

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

HB24-1278 be amended as follows, and as so amended, be referred to the Committee of the Whole with favorable recommendation:

1 Amend printed bill, page 2, line 3, strike "(15)(a)(VI)" and substitute  
2 "(15)(a)(VI); and **add** (18.5)(a)(IV)".

3 Page 2, after line 9 insert:  
4 "(18.5) (a) The following statutory authorizations for the  
5 designated advisory committees will repeal on September 1, 2027:  
6 (IV) THE CONCURRENT ENROLLMENT ADVISORY BOARD CREATED  
7 IN SECTION 22-35-107."

8 Page 2, line 10, strike "**repeal** (8)" and substitute "**add** (6)(g) and **amend**  
9 (8)(a)".

10 Page 2, line 13, after "**reports.**" insert: "(6) The board has the following  
11 duties:

12 (g) (I) TO WORK WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, THE  
13 DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION, AND THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
14 SYSTEM TO CREATE AND DISTRIBUTE A BEST PRACTICES GUIDE THAT  
15 SUPPORTS:

16 (A) SCHOOL DISTRICTS WITH OFFERING CONCURRENT ENROLLMENT  
17 COURSES AND CREDENTIAL PATHWAYS THAT ARE ALIGNED WITH CURRENT  
18 WORKFORCE DEMANDS; AND

19 (B) STUDENTS WITH UNDERSTANDING CURRENT WORKFORCE  
20 DEMANDS AND SELECTING AND COMPLETING THE MOST COMMON COURSES  
21 IN GUARANTEED-TRANSFER PATHWAYS, AS DEFINED IN SECTION  
22 23-5-145.5 (1)(c).

23 (II) AT A MINIMUM, THE BEST PRACTICES GUIDE MUST INCLUDE:

24 (A) THE TEN MOST IN-DEMAND PATHWAYS IN THE STATE  
25 IDENTIFIED BY THE ANNUAL COLORADO TALENT REPORT PRODUCED

1 PURSUANT TO SECTION 24-46.6-103 (3);  
2 (B) THE MOST COMMONLY REQUIRED GUARANTEED-TRANSFER  
3 PATHWAYS COURSES IDENTIFIED PURSUANT TO SECTION 23-1-108.5; AND  
4 (C) THE MOST COMMONLY CHOSEN PATHWAYS AT INSTITUTIONS  
5 OF HIGHER EDUCATION IN THE STATE IDENTIFIED BY THE ANNUAL RETURN  
6 ON INVESTMENT REPORT PRODUCED PURSUANT TO SECTION 23-1-135 (3)  
7 OR IDENTIFIED BY A COMPARABLE REPORT OR DATA SET. FOR A PATHWAY  
8 IDENTIFIED PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTION (6)(g)(II)(C) THAT IS SUBJECT  
9 TO A STATEWIDE DEGREE TRANSFER AGREEMENT ESTABLISHED PURSUANT  
10 TO SUBSECTION 23-1-108 (7), THE BEST PRACTICES GUIDE MUST INCLUDE  
11 INFORMATION REGARDING COURSES THAT ARE REQUIRED FOR THE  
12 PATHWAY.  
13 (III) THE BOARD MUST ORGANIZE SIMILAR PROGRAMS OF STUDY IN  
14 THE BEST PRACTICES GUIDE FOR SIMPLIFICATION FOR LOCAL EDUCATION  
15 PROVIDERS AND STUDENTS, AND INCLUDE RELATED INFORMATION IN THE  
16 GUIDE REGARDING THE COLORADO WORK FORCE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL  
17 PURSUANT TO SECTION 24-46.3-104 AND THE DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER  
18 EDUCATION PURSUANT TO SECTION 23-5-145.6.  
19 (IV) THE BOARD SHALL CREATE AND DISTRIBUTE THE BEST  
20 PRACTICES GUIDE NO LATER THAN DECEMBER 1, 2024, AND SHALL UPDATE  
21 AND DISTRIBUTE THE UPDATED BEST PRACTICES GUIDE AS NECESSARY."

22 Page 2, lines 13 and 14, strike "~~(a) This section is repealed, effective~~  
23 ~~September 1, 2024.~~" and substitute "(a) This section is repealed, effective  
24 September 1, ~~2024~~ 2027."

25 Page 2, strike lines 15 and 16 and substitute:  
26 "(b) Prior to said repeal, the board shall be reviewed as provided  
27 in section 2-3-1203."

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