

CHAPTER 124

EDUCATION - POSTSECONDARY

HOUSE BILL 17-1081

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AN ACT

CONCERNING AUTHORITY TO OFFER IN-STATE TUITION CLASSIFICATION AT STATE-SUPPORTED INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION FOR ATHLETES TRAINING IN COLORADO IN PROGRAMS APPROVED BY THE UNITED STATES OLYMPIC COMMITTEE.

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

SECTION 1. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 23-7-105, **amend** (1) as follows:

23-7-105. Tuition classification of olympic athletes. (1) Notwithstanding any other provision of this ~~article~~ ARTICLE 7 to the contrary, but subject to subsections (2) and (3) of this section, every athlete who otherwise would not be classified as an in-state student for tuition purposes under this article may be classified as an in-state student for purposes of tuition at any state-supported institution of higher education if the athlete is:

(a) In residence and in training at the United States olympic training center at Colorado Springs; OR

(b) ~~In residence in Colorado Springs and in training at the olympic training center at Colorado Springs in a program approved by the governing body for the athlete's olympic sport; or~~

(c) ~~In residence~~ RESIDING in Colorado Springs and ~~in training at a facility in Colorado Springs~~ IN AN ELITE LEVEL PROGRAM IN COLORADO approved by the UNITED STATES OLYMPIC COMMITTEE AND THE governing body for the athlete's olympic, PARALYMPIC, PAN AMERICAN, OR PARAPAN AMERICAN sport. ~~and in a program approved by such body.~~

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

SECTION 2. Act subject to petition - effective date. This act takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly (August 9, 2017, if adjournment sine die is on May 10, 2017); except that, if a referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take effect unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in November 2018 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.

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