

CHAPTER 301

EDUCATION - PUBLIC SCHOOLS

SENATE BILL 18-213

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AN ACT

CONCERNING REQUIRING LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICTS TO RECOGNIZE ACADEMIC CREDITS EARNED BY STUDENTS IN THE CUSTODY OF THE DIVISION OF YOUTH SERVICES.

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

SECTION 1. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-32-138, **amend (5); and add (1)(b.5)** as follows:

22-32-138. Out-of-home placement students - transfer procedures - absences - exemptions. (1) As used in this section, unless the context otherwise requires:

(b.5) "DIVISION OF YOUTH SERVICES PLACEMENT" MEANS A SECURE FACILITY OR CONTRACT COMMUNITY RESIDENTIAL PROGRAM OF THE DIVISION OF YOUTH SERVICES IN THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES.

(5) When a student in out-of-home placement transfers from one school to another school OR FROM A DIVISION OF YOUTH SERVICES PLACEMENT TO A SCHOOL, the sending school OR DIVISION OF YOUTH SERVICES PLACEMENT shall certify to the receiving school or school district the course work that the student has fully or partially completed while enrolled. ~~at the school.~~ The receiving school or school district shall accept the student's certified course work and the course work certified by previous schools AND DIVISION OF YOUTH SERVICES PLACEMENTS in which the student was enrolled, as reflected in the student's records, FOR COMPARABLE COURSE CREDIT, as if it had been completed at the receiving school. The receiving school or school district shall apply all of the student's certified course work toward completion of the student's requirements for graduating from the grade level in which the student is enrolled at the receiving school or school district or for

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graduation from the receiving school or school district if the student is enrolled in twelfth grade. The receiving school or school district may award elective credit for any portion of the student's certified course work that is not aligned with ~~the curriculum~~ CORE ACADEMIC COURSE DESCRIPTIONS of the receiving school or school district.

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 8, 2018, if adjournment sine die is on May 9, 2018); 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.

Approved: May 29, 2018