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STATE OF COLORADO**

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**HOUSE BILL 19-1294**

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**House Committees**

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**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

101       **CONCERNING A REQUIREMENT THAT THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE**  
102               **OFFICER OF THE COLORADO COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM**  
103               **CREATE A WORKING GROUP TO DETERMINE THE BEST MANNER**  
104               **IN WHICH TO FACILITATE THE TRANSFER OF EARNED**  
105               **CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY REGISTERED APPRENTICESHIP**  
106               **PROGRAM CREDIT TO COLLEGE CREDIT, AND, IN CONNECTION**  
107               **THEREWITH, MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.**

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**Bill Summary**

*(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://leg.colorado.gov>.)*

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.  
Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material to be added to existing statute.  
Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.

The bill requires the chief administrative officer of the Colorado community college system, or his or her designee, to convene a working group to determine the most efficient and appropriate manner in which to facilitate the transfer of earned construction industry registered apprenticeship program credit to college credit. If possible, the chief administrative officer shall include representatives from varying community colleges, area technical schools, local district colleges, relevant 4-year institutions that grant bachelor degrees, applicable union and non-union labor organizations, and other interested parties. The working group is required to meet during the interim following the first regular session of the seventy-second general assembly. The bill specifies issues in connection with the transfer of earned construction industry registered apprenticeship program credits to college credit that the working group is required to consider.

The working group is required to solicit input from subject matter experts, including, but not necessarily limited to, labor organizations, community college administrators, and people who are in or have completed registered apprenticeship programs. The working group is also required to submit to the general assembly its recommendations for the most efficient and appropriate manner in which to facilitate the transfer of earned construction industry registered apprenticeship program credits to college credit, including any recommendations for necessary legislation.

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** part 11 to article  
3 60 of title 23 as follows:

4 **PART 11**

5 **WORKING GROUP FOR THE TRANSFER OF**

6 **APPRENTICESHIP CREDIT TO COLLEGE CREDIT**

7 **23-60-1101. Working group - transfer of registered**  
8 **apprenticeship program credit to college credit - creation -**  
9 **recommendations - repeal.** (1) THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER OF  
10 THE COLORADO COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM, OR HIS OR HER DESIGNEE,  
11 SHALL CONVENE A WORKING GROUP REGARDING THE TRANSFER OF

1 EARNED CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY REGISTERED APPRENTICESHIP  
2 PROGRAM CREDIT TO COLLEGE CREDIT. IF POSSIBLE, THE CHIEF  
3 ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER SHALL INCLUDE REPRESENTATIVES FROM  
4 VARYING COMMUNITY COLLEGES, AREA TECHNICAL SCHOOLS, LOCAL  
5 DISTRICT COLLEGES, RELEVANT FOUR-YEAR INSTITUTIONS THAT GRANT  
6 BACHELOR DEGREES, APPLICABLE UNION AND NON-UNION LABOR  
7 ORGANIZATIONS, AND OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES. THE WORKING GROUP  
8 SHALL MEET DURING THE INTERIM FOLLOWING THE FIRST REGULAR  
9 SESSION OF THE SEVENTY-SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO DETERMINE  
10 THE MOST EFFICIENT AND APPROPRIATE MANNER IN WHICH TO FACILITATE  
11 THE TRANSFER OF EARNED CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY REGISTERED  
12 APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM CREDIT TO COLLEGE CREDIT. THE WORKING  
13 GROUP SHALL CONSIDER:

14 (a) THE BEST MANNER IN WHICH TO ALIGN CONSTRUCTION  
15 INDUSTRY REGISTERED APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM CURRICULUM WITH  
16 EXISTING COMMUNITY COLLEGE COURSES;

17 (b) THE POSSIBILITY OF CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY REGISTERED  
18 APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM COURSE WORK THAT COULD CULMINATE IN  
19 SIGNIFICANT ATTAINMENT TOWARD AN ASSOCIATE OR BACHELOR DEGREE;

20 (c) THE BEST MANNER IN WHICH TO CLARIFY TO STUDENTS AND  
21 OTHER PEOPLE PURSUING OCCUPATIONAL EDUCATION IN CONSTRUCTION  
22 FIELDS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A REGISTERED APPRENTICESHIP  
23 PROGRAM AND A WORK-STUDY PROGRAM AND THE DIFFERENT  
24 REQUIREMENTS, CURRICULUM, AND CREDITS FOR COMPLETING THE  
25 DIFFERENT PROGRAMS;

26 (d) WHETHER IT IS FEASIBLE FOR ALL COMMUNITY COLLEGES TO  
27 OFFER REGISTERED APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAMS AND IF NOT, WHY NOT;

1 AND

2 (e) ANY OTHER CONSIDERATIONS DEEMED NECESSARY BY THE  
3 WORKING GROUP IN CONNECTION WITH THE TRANSFER OF EARNED  
4 CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY REGISTERED APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM CREDIT  
5 TO COLLEGE CREDIT.

6 (2) THE WORKING GROUP FOR THE TRANSFER OF EARNED  
7 CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY REGISTERED APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM CREDIT  
8 TO COLLEGE CREDIT SHALL SOLICIT INPUT FROM SUBJECT MATTER  
9 EXPERTS, INCLUDING, BUT NOT NECESSARILY LIMITED TO, LABOR  
10 ORGANIZATIONS, COMMUNITY COLLEGE ADMINISTRATORS, AND PEOPLE  
11 WHO ARE IN OR HAVE COMPLETED REGISTERED APPRENTICESHIP  
12 PROGRAMS.

13 (3) THE WORKING GROUP FOR THE TRANSFER OF REGISTERED  
14 APPRENTICESHIP CREDIT TO COLLEGE CREDIT SHALL SUBMIT TO THE  
15 GENERAL ASSEMBLY ITS RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE MOST EFFICIENT  
16 AND APPROPRIATE MANNER IN WHICH TO FACILITATE THE TRANSFER OF  
17 EARNED CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY REGISTERED APPRENTICESHIP  
18 PROGRAM CREDITS TO COLLEGE CREDIT, INCLUDING ANY  
19 RECOMMENDATIONS FOR NECESSARY LEGISLATION, ON OR BEFORE  
20 DECEMBER 31, 2019.

21 (4) THIS PART 11 IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020.

22 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 23-3.3-103, **add** (4)  
23 as follows:

24 **23-3.3-103. Annual appropriations - repeal.** (4) (a) THE  
25 PROVISIONS OF SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS SECTION CONCERNING  
26 APPROPRIATIONS FOR STUDENT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE UNDER THIS  
27 ARTICLE 3.3 SHALL NOT APPLY TO APPROPRIATIONS MADE FOR THE

1 PURPOSE OF THE WORKING GROUP FOR THE TRANSFER OF APPRENTICESHIP  
2 CREDIT TO COLLEGE CREDIT PURSUANT TO PART 11 OF ARTICLE 60 OF THIS  
3 TITLE 23.

4 (b) THIS SUBSECTION (4) IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020.

5 SECTION 3. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 23-18-308, amend  
6 (1)(b) and (1)(c); and add (1)(d) as follows:

7 23-18-308. Fee-for-service contracts - limited purpose - repeal.

8 (1) Subject to available appropriations, the department shall enter into  
9 fee-for-service contracts for the following purposes:

10 (b) The inclusive higher education pilot program pursuant to  
11 section 23-75-104; and

12 (c) Cybersecurity and distributed ledger technologies, such as  
13 blockchains, as set forth in sections 24-33.5-1904 and 24-33.5-1905; AND

14 (d) (I) THE WORKING GROUP FOR THE TRANSFER OF  
15 APPRENTICESHIP CREDIT TO COLLEGE CREDIT PURSUANT TO PART 11 OF  
16 ARTICLE 60 OF THIS TITLE 23.

17 (II) THIS SUBSECTION (1)(d) IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020.

18 SECTION 3. Appropriation. (1) For the 2019-20 state fiscal  
19 year, \$15,000 is appropriated to the department of higher education. This  
20 appropriation is from the general fund. To implement this act, the  
21 department may use this appropriation for the college opportunity fund  
22 program to be used for limited purpose fee-for-service contracts with  
23 state institutions.

24 (2) For the 2019-20 state fiscal year, \$15,000 is appropriated to  
25 the department of higher education. This appropriation is from  
26 reappropriated funds received from the limited purpose fee-for-service  
27 contracts with state institutions under subsection (1) of this section. To

1     implement this act, the department may use this appropriation for the state  
2     board for community colleges and occupational education state system  
3     community colleges.

4             **SECTION 4. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,  
5     determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate  
6     preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.