

CHAPTER 318

EDUCATION - POSTSECONDARY

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AN ACT

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

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

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

**PART 11
WORKING GROUP FOR THE TRANSFER OF
APPRENTICESHIP CREDIT TO COLLEGE CREDIT**

23-60-1101. Working group - transfer of registered apprenticeship program credit to college credit - creation - recommendations - repeal. (1) ~~THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER OF THE COLORADO COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM, OR HIS OR HER DESIGNEE, SHALL CONVENE A WORKING GROUP REGARDING 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 FOUR-YEAR INSTITUTIONS THAT GRANT BACHELOR DEGREES, APPLICABLE UNION AND NON-UNION LABOR ORGANIZATIONS, AND OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES. THE WORKING GROUP SHALL MEET DURING THE INTERIM FOLLOWING THE FIRST REGULAR SESSION OF THE~~

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SEVENTY-SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY 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. THE WORKING GROUP SHALL CONSIDER:

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

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

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

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

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

(2) THE WORKING GROUP FOR THE TRANSFER OF EARNED CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY REGISTERED APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM CREDIT TO COLLEGE CREDIT SHALL 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.

(3) THE WORKING GROUP FOR THE TRANSFER OF REGISTERED APPRENTICESHIP CREDIT TO COLLEGE CREDIT SHALL 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, ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 2019.

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

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

23-3.3-103. Annual appropriations - repeal. (4) (a) THE PROVISIONS OF SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS SECTION CONCERNING APPROPRIATIONS FOR STUDENT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE UNDER THIS ARTICLE 3.3 SHALL NOT APPLY TO APPROPRIATIONS MADE FOR THE PURPOSE OF THE WORKING GROUP FOR THE TRANSFER OF APPRENTICESHIP CREDIT TO COLLEGE CREDIT PURSUANT TO PART 11 OF ARTICLE 60 OF THIS TITLE 23.

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

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

23-18-308. Fee-for-service contracts - limited purpose - repeal. (1) Subject to available appropriations, the department shall enter into fee-for-service contracts for the following purposes:

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

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

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

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

SECTION 4. Appropriation. (1) For the 2019-20 state fiscal year, \$15,000 is appropriated to the department of higher education. This appropriation is from the general fund. To implement this act, the department may use this appropriation for the college opportunity fund program to be used for limited purpose fee-for-service contracts with state institutions.

(2) For the 2019-20 state fiscal year, \$15,000 is appropriated to the department of higher education. This appropriation is from reappropriated funds received from the limited purpose fee-for-service contracts with state institutions under subsection (1) of this section. To implement this act, the department may use this appropriation for the state board for community colleges and occupational education state system community colleges.

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

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