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SENATE BILL 22-088

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING TUITION ASSISTANCE FOR STUDENTS ENROLLED IN
102 BUILDING TRADE PROGRAMS.

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>.)

Under current law, there is a tuition assistance program (program) for students enrolled in career and technical education certificate programs at certain state institutions. The commission on higher education establishes policies and procedures for the program. The bill requires the policies and procedures to give some preference to students enrolled in building and construction trade certificate programs. The bill

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also requires the general assembly to annually appropriate \$650,000 for the program.

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **amend** 23-3.3-1101
3 as follows:

4 **23-3.3-1101. Career and technical education certificate**
5 **programs - tuition assistance - funding - definitions.** (1) (a) The
6 commission shall establish a tuition assistance program for students
7 enrolled in qualifying career and technical education certificate programs.
8 Subject to available appropriations, the commission shall allocate money
9 to community colleges, Colorado Mesa university, area technical
10 colleges, and local district colleges to provide tuition assistance for
11 students who are enrolled in qualifying career and technical education
12 certificate programs and meet the income eligibility requirements
13 established in guidelines adopted by the commission. The department of
14 higher education and the institutions that receive tuition assistance money
15 pursuant to this section shall administer the program in accordance with
16 policies and procedures that the commission establishes. THE POLICIES
17 AND PROCEDURES MUST GIVE SOME PREFERENCE TO STUDENTS ENROLLED
18 IN BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION TRADE CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS,
19 INCLUDING THAT THE FIRST TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS MUST BE
20 PROVIDED TO STUDENTS ENROLLED IN BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION
21 TRADES.

22 (b) As used in this section, unless the context otherwise requires:

23 (I) "BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION TRADE CERTIFICATE
24 PROGRAMS" MEANS PROGRAMS DESIGNED FOR STUDENTS IN OCCUPATIONS
25 THAT PERFORM CONSTRUCTION, RECONSTRUCTION, RENOVATION,

1 ALTERATION, DEMOLITION, PAINTING, REPAIR, OR MAINTENANCE WORK
2 FOR ROADS, HIGHWAYS, BUILDINGS, STRUCTURES, INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES,
3 OR IMPROVEMENTS OF ANY TYPE.

4 (H) (II) "Qualifying career and technical education certificate
5 program" means a career and technical education certificate program that
6 does not meet the minimum credit hour requirements for the federal Pell
7 grant program.

8 (H) (III) "Tuition assistance" means money that a student may use
9 to pay for tuition, fees, and course materials.

10 (2) The general assembly ~~may~~ SHALL appropriate annually ~~an~~
11 ~~amount~~ SIX HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS for support of the
12 program established pursuant to this section.

13 **SECTION 2. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act
14 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the
15 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly; except
16 that, if a referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V
17 of the state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this
18 act within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take
19 effect unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in
20 November 2022 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the
21 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.