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STATE OF COLORADO**

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**HOUSE BILL 23-1262**

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**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

101      **CONCERNING ALLOWING A STUDENT TO RECEIVE AN ASSOCIATE**  
102                    **DEGREE FROM THE COLORADO RE-ENGAGED INITIATIVE AFTER**  
103                    **EARNING A CERTAIN NUMBER OF CREDIT HOURS FROM A**  
104                    **DIFFERENT INSTITUTION.**

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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>.)*

The bill requires that, to receive an associate degree through the Colorado re-engaged initiative, a student must not have transferred to an initiative institution after earning 15 or more credit hours from a

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SENATE  
2nd Reading Unamended  
April 28, 2023

HOUSE  
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HOUSE  
2nd Reading Unamended  
April 13, 2023

community college or occupational education institution.

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

2           **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 23-1-131.5, **amend**  
3 (5)(a)(I) as follows:

4           **23-1-131.5. Commission directive - Colorado re-engaged**  
5 **(CORE) initiative - four-year institutions - associate degrees - report**  
6 **- definitions.** (5) (a) To receive an associate degree through the CORE  
7 initiative, a student must:

8           (I) Not have transferred to the institution directly ~~from an~~ AFTER  
9 EARNING FIFTEEN OR MORE CREDIT HOURS FROM ANY SINGLE institution  
10 governed by the state board of community colleges and occupational  
11 education;

12           **SECTION 2. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act  
13 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the  
14 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly; except  
15 that, if a referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V  
16 of the state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this  
17 act within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take  
18 effect unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in  
19 November 2024 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the  
20 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.