

## CHAPTER 439

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**EDUCATION - POSTSECONDARY**

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## HOUSE BILL 23-1262

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also SENATOR(S) Priola, Cutter, Exum, Hinrichsen, Winter F., Zenzinger.

**AN ACT**

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

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

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

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

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

**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; 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 2024 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.

Approved: June 7, 2023

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