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House Committees

A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING AN IMPROVE STUDENT SUCCESS INNOVATION PILOT
102 PROGRAM THROUGH THE COLLABORATION OF MULTIPLE
103 INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION TO INCREASE THE
104 NUMBER OF STUDENTS WHO SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETE
105 POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION.

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/>.)

Making Higher Education Attainable Interim Study Committee. The bill creates the improve student success innovation pilot

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.

program (pilot program) in the department of higher education (department) to implement a program designed to incentivize collaboration among multiple institutions of higher education to improve student success and increase the number of students who complete postsecondary education.

When selecting a program or programs for the pilot program, the department and commission on higher education (commission) shall prioritize program proposals that address common barriers to student success and the completion of postsecondary education, as well as other factors.

The department and commission shall submit an annual report to the joint budget committee of the general assembly and the education committees of the house of representatives and the senate regarding the efficacy of the program.

The general assembly shall appropriate \$20 million each year for the 2020-21, 2021-22, and 2022-23 fiscal years, from the general fund to the department to distribute to the state institutions of higher education selected to implement their projects.

The pilot program repeals on July 1, 2024.

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** article 79 to title
3 23 as follows:

4 **ARTICLE 79**

5 **Improve Student Success**

6 **Innovation Pilot Program**

7 **23-79-101. Definitions.** AS USED IN THIS ARTICLE 79, UNLESS THE
8 CONTEXT OTHERWISE REQUIRES:

9 (1) "COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION" OR "COMMISSION"
10 MEANS THE COLORADO COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION ESTABLISHED
11 PURSUANT TO SECTION 23-1-102.

12 (2) "DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION" OR "DEPARTMENT"
13 MEANS THE DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION CREATED PURSUANT TO
14 SECTION 24-1-114.

1 (3) "INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION" OR "INSTITUTION" HAS
2 THE SAME MEANING SET FORTH IN SECTION 23-1-135.

3 (4) "PILOT PROGRAM" MEANS THE IMPROVE STUDENT SUCCESS
4 INNOVATION PILOT PROGRAM CREATED PURSUANT TO SECTION 23-79-102
5 (1).

6 **23-79-102. Improve student success innovation pilot program**
7 **- creation - selection of project - report - appropriation.** (1) THERE IS
8 CREATED IN THE DEPARTMENT THE IMPROVE STUDENT SUCCESS
9 INNOVATION PILOT PROGRAM. THE PURPOSE OF THE PILOT PROGRAM IS FOR
10 MULTIPLE INSTITUTIONS TO COLLABORATE TO STUDY STUDENT SUCCESS
11 MEASURES TO IDENTIFY COMMON BARRIERS TO STUDENT SUCCESS AND
12 THE COMPLETION OF POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION AND TO THEREBY
13 CREATE AND IMPLEMENT A PROGRAM DESIGNED TO INCREASE THE NUMBER
14 OF STUDENTS WHO SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETE POSTSECONDARY
15 EDUCATION.

16 (2) (a) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL CREATE AND ADMINISTER A
17 PROCESS FOR COLLABORATING INSTITUTIONS TO SUBMIT A PROGRAM
18 PROPOSAL FOR CONSIDERATION UNDER THE PILOT PROGRAM. THE
19 DEPARTMENT AND COMMISSION MAY CREATE A RUBRIC FOR SCORING
20 PROGRAM PROPOSALS BASED ON THE FACTORS PURSUANT TO SUBSECTIONS
21 (2)(c)(II) AND (2)(c)(III) OF THIS SECTION.

22 (b) THE PROGRAM PROPOSAL MUST INCLUDE, AT A MINIMUM, A
23 DESCRIPTION OF:

24 (I) A RESEARCH PHASE, FOR NOT MORE THAN ONE YEAR, WHERE
25 THE COLLABORATING INSTITUTIONS WILL RESEARCH A COMMON BARRIER
26 OR BARRIERS TO STUDENT SUCCESS AND THE COMPLETION OF
27 POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION; AND

1 (II) AN IMPLEMENTATION PHASE, FOR NOT LESS THAN TWO YEARS,
2 WHERE THE COLLABORATING INSTITUTIONS WILL IMPLEMENT THE
3 PROGRAM OR PROGRAMS AND EXAMINE THE RESULTS.

4 (c) (I) ON OR BEFORE SEPTEMBER 1, 2020, THE DEPARTMENT
5 SHALL REVIEW PROGRAM PROPOSALS AND RECOMMEND A PROGRAM OR
6 PROGRAMS TO BE SELECTED BY THE COMMISSION FOR THE PILOT PROGRAM.

7 (II) THE DEPARTMENT AND COMMISSION SHALL PRIORITIZE A
8 PROGRAM OR PROGRAMS THAT ADDRESS A COMMON BARRIER OR BARRIERS
9 TO STUDENT SUCCESS AND THE COMPLETION OF POSTSECONDARY
10 EDUCATION, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO:

11 (A) COMPLETION AND SUBMISSION OF APPLICATIONS, INCLUDING
12 BUT NOT LIMITED TO ADMISSION APPLICATIONS AND FINANCIAL AID
13 APPLICATIONS;

14 (B) CONSISTENT ATTENDANCE AND RETENTION, INCLUDING BUT
15 NOT LIMITED TO ACCESS TO AFFORDABLE AND ADEQUATE FOOD, HOUSING,
16 MEDICAL SERVICES, BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES, COUNSELING
17 SERVICES, AND SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER TREATMENT SERVICES; AND

18 (C) EFFICIENT AND COMPREHENSIVE COMPLETION OF APPLICABLE
19 POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO
20 ACQUISITION OF A CREDENTIAL, CERTIFICATE, OR DEGREE, GRADUATION
21 RATES, ACCEPTANCE INTO GRADUATE SCHOOL, AND FULL-TIME
22 EMPLOYMENT RELATING TO FIELD OF STUDY.

23 (III) FOR PURPOSES OF SELECTING A PROGRAM OR PROGRAMS FOR
24 THE PILOT PROGRAM, THE DEPARTMENT AND COMMISSION SHALL
25 CONSIDER, AT A MINIMUM:

26 (A) THE PROBABILITY OF THE PROGRAM PROPOSAL TO INCREASE
27 THE NUMBER OF STUDENTS WHO SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETE THEIR

1 POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION;

2 (B) THE ABILITY OF THE PROGRAM PROPOSAL TO BE ADOPTED AND
3 IMPLEMENTED AT OTHER INSTITUTIONS; AND

4 (C) THE DEGREE THAT THE PROGRAM PROPOSAL ADVANCES OTHER
5 OBJECTIVES OF THE DEPARTMENT AND THE COMMISSION, INCLUDING THE
6 MASTER PLAN CREATED PURSUANT TO SECTION 23-1-108 (1.5).

7 (3) (a) ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 1, 2021, AND ON OR BEFORE
8 DECEMBER 1 EACH YEAR THEREAFTER, THE DEPARTMENT AND THE
9 COMMISSION SHALL SUBMIT A REPORT TO THE JOINT BUDGET COMMITTEE
10 OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND THE EDUCATION COMMITTEES OF THE
11 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND THE SENATE, OR ANY SUCCESSOR
12 COMMITTEES.

13 (b) THE REPORT MUST INCLUDE, AT A MINIMUM, OUTCOMES,
14 COSTS, STUDENT PARTICIPATION AND SATISFACTION, AND ANY OTHER
15 DATA AND INFORMATION NECESSARY TO EVALUATE THE PROGRAM'S
16 EFFICACY.

17 (c) PILOT PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS SHALL PROVIDE DATA AND
18 INFORMATION TO THE DEPARTMENT AND THE COMMISSION REGARDING
19 OUTCOMES, COSTS, STUDENT PARTICIPATION AND SATISFACTION, AND ANY
20 OTHER DATA AND INFORMATION NECESSARY TO EVALUATE THE
21 PROGRAM'S EFFICACY.

22 (4) THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY SHALL APPROPRIATE TWENTY
23 MILLION DOLLARS EACH YEAR FOR THE 2020-21, 2021-22, AND 2022-23
24 STATE FISCAL YEARS FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO THE DEPARTMENT. THE
25 DEPARTMENT SHALL DISTRIBUTE THE APPROPRIATION TO THE
26 INSTITUTIONS SELECTED TO IMPLEMENT THEIR PROGRAM OR PROGRAMS
27 UNDER THE PILOT PROGRAM.

1 **23-79-103. Repeal of article.** THIS ARTICLE 79 IS REPEALED,
2 EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024.

3 **SECTION 2. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,
4 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate
5 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety.