

CHAPTER 18

EDUCATION - PUBLIC SCHOOLS

HOUSE BILL 97-1108

BY REPRESENTATIVES Gotlieb, Allen, and Anderson;
also SENATORS B. Alexander and Chlouber.

AN ACT

CONCERNING REQUIREMENTS FOR EDUCATION PROGRAMS THAT PREPARE EDUCATORS FOR EDUCATION
ADMINISTRATION POSITIONS.

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

SECTION 1. 22-60.5-102 (8), Colorado Revised Statutes, 1995 Repl. Vol., is amended to read:

22-60.5-102. Definitions. As used in this article, unless the context otherwise requires:

(8) (a) "Approved program of preparation" means a program of study for preparation that meets the standards of the state board of education and that upon completion leads to a recommendation for licensure by an accepted institution of higher education.

(b) EVERY "APPROVED PROGRAM OF PREPARATION" FOR PRINCIPALS OR ADMINISTRATORS SHALL INCLUDE PROFICIENCIES IN THE PRINCIPLES OF BUSINESS MANAGEMENT AND BUDGETING PRACTICES AND IN THE ANALYSIS OF STUDENT ASSESSMENT DATA AND ITS USE IN PLANNING FOR STUDENT INSTRUCTION.

SECTION 2. Article 1 of title 23, Colorado Revised Statutes, 1995 Repl. Vol., as amended, is amended BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION to read:

23-1-121.3. Commission directive - principal and administrator preparation programs. THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY HEREBY FINDS AND DECLARES THAT

Capital letters indicate new material added to existing statutes; dashes through words indicate deletions from existing statutes and such material not part of act.

STATE-SUPPORTED INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION THAT PROVIDE APPROVED PROGRAMS OF PREPARATION FOR PRINCIPALS OR ADMINISTRATORS MUST ENSURE THAT PERSONS COMPLETING SUCH PROGRAMS RECEIVE SUFFICIENT TRAINING TO SUCCESSFULLY MEET THE CHALLENGES OF MANAGING A SCHOOL OR SCHOOL DISTRICT. THEREFORE, THE COMMISSION SHALL ADOPT THE NECESSARY POLICIES TO REQUIRE ANY STATE-SUPPORTED INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION THAT OFFERS AN APPROVED PROGRAM OF PREPARATION FOR PRINCIPALS OR ADMINISTRATORS TO INCLUDE IN SUCH PROGRAM PROFICIENCIES IN THE PRINCIPLES OF BUSINESS MANAGEMENT AND BUDGETING PRACTICES AND IN THE ANALYSIS OF STUDENT ASSESSMENT DATA AND ITS USE IN PLANNING FOR STUDENT INSTRUCTION. IN ADDING SAID PROFICIENCIES TO ANY EXISTING PROGRAM OF PREPARATION, THE INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION SHALL ENSURE THAT SAID PROFICIENCIES ARE INCORPORATED INTO THE PREPARATION PROGRAM IN SUCH A MANNER THAT THEY DO NOT INCREASE THE NUMBER OF CREDIT HOURS EACH STUDENT MUST COMPLETE FOR GRADUATION NOR INCREASE THE COST TO THE INSTITUTION OR TO THE STUDENT OF PROVIDING THE PREPARATION PROGRAM.

SECTION 3. No appropriation. The general assembly has determined that this act can be implemented within existing appropriations, and therefore no separate appropriation of state moneys is necessary to carry out the purposes of this act.

SECTION 4. 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.

Approved: March 20, 1997