

CHAPTER 397

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**APPROPRIATIONS**

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**HOUSE BILL 00-1401**

BY REPRESENTATIVES Tool, Berry, Saliman, Mace, and Tapia;  
also SENATORS Lacy, Owen, and Tanner.

**AN ACT**

**CONCERNING A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION.**

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

**SECTION 1.** Part VI of section 2 of chapter 364, Session Laws of Colorado 1999, is amended to read:

Section 2. **Appropriation.**

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

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<b>PART VI</b>						
<b>DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION</b>						
<b>(1) DEPARTMENT ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE</b>						
Health, Life, and Dental	282,598	225,294		30,682 <sup>a</sup>	26,622(T) <sup>b</sup>	
Short-term Disability	11,761	10,126		788 <sup>a</sup>	815(T) <sup>b</sup>	32
Salary Survey, Anniversary Increases, and Shift Differential	335,189	297,385		18,835 <sup>a</sup>	1,814(T) <sup>b</sup>	17,155
Workers' Compensation	23,478	22,843		635 <sup>a</sup>		
Legal Services for 661 hours	34,947	34,947				
Purchase of Services from Computer Center	2,125	2,125				
Payment to Risk Management and Property Funds	<u>5,107</u>	5,107				
		695,205				

<sup>a</sup> These amounts shall be from various sources of cash funds throughout the Department.

<sup>b</sup> These amounts shall be from Limited Gaming revenue received by the State Historical Society.

**(2) COLORADO COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION<sup>65, 66</sup>**

**(A) Administration<sup>67</sup>**                    1,982,552                    1,982,552  
(30.0 FTE)

**(B) Division of Private  
Occupational Schools**                    440,433                    440,433<sup>a</sup>  
(6.5 FTE)

<sup>a</sup> This amount shall be from the Private Occupational Schools Fund.

**(C) Special Purpose**

Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education (WICHE)	85,000	85,000			
WICHE - Optometry	297,600	297,600			
Higher Education Programs of Excellence	4,046,444	502,244	139,107 <sup>a</sup>	3,405,093(T) <sup>b</sup>	
Colorado Children's Trust Fund	493,000 (2.5 FTE)		216,000 <sup>c</sup>	177,000 <sup>d</sup>	100,000
Veterinary School Program Needs	285,000	156,750	128,250 <sup>e</sup>		
Enrollment/Cash Fund Contingency <sup>68</sup>	<u>5,000,000</u> 10,207,044		5,000,000 <sup>f</sup>		

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<sup>a</sup> This amount shall be from the Colorado Student Loan Program.

<sup>b</sup> This amount shall be from statewide and departmental indirect cost recoveries.

<sup>c</sup> This amount shall be from the Colorado Children's Trust Fund.

<sup>d</sup> This amount shall be from reserves in the Colorado Children's Trust Fund.

<sup>e</sup> This amount shall be from the Western Interstate Commission on Higher Education.

<sup>f</sup> This amount shall be from tuition and cash fund revenue from the Governing Boards, in addition to what is appropriated to the Governing Boards. This spending authority may be transferred to the Governing Boards.

**(D) Financial Aid**

Need Based Grants	37,173,152	37,173,152				
Grants for Part-time Students	1,250,000	1,250,000				
Merit Based Grants	13,826,078	13,826,078				
Work Study <sup>69</sup>	14,248,944	14,248,944				
Required Federal Match	3,376,350	2,076,350				1,300,000
Veterans/Law Enforcement/POW Tuition Assistance	50,747	50,747				
Native American Students/Fort Lewis College	4,148,002	4,148,002				

Grant Program for Nurses			
Training	<u>238,800</u>	238,800	
	74,312,073		
		86,942,102	

**(3) TRUSTEES OF THE STATE COLLEGES IN COLORADO<sup>70, 71</sup>**

Governing Board and General Campuses

General Fund and Tuition

Allocation	125,989,904	72,866,472 <sup>a</sup>	53,123,432 <sup>b</sup>
	(1,867.1 FTE)		
Other Than Tuition Revenue	1,860,919		1,860,919 <sup>c</sup>
Auxiliary Revenue	<u>4,222,594</u>		4,222,594 <sup>d</sup>
		132,073,417	

<sup>a</sup> Of this amount, \$973,191 is one-time funding for technology projects.

<sup>b</sup> This amount shall be from tuition revenue.

<sup>c</sup> This amount shall be from other than tuition revenue.

<sup>d</sup> This amount shall be from auxiliary revenue.

**(4) STATE BOARD OF AGRICULTURE<sup>70, 71</sup>**

Governing Board and General Campuses

General Fund and Tuition

Allocation	258,912,437	142,050,350 <sup>a</sup>	116,862,087 <sup>b</sup>
	(3,987.9 FTE)		
Other Than Tuition Revenue	<del>26,006,963</del>		25,506,963 <sup>c</sup>
	26,016,963		<del>500,000<sup>a</sup></del>
Auxiliary Revenue	<u>24,801,299</u>		510,000 <sup>d</sup>
		24,801,299 <sup>e</sup>	

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	309,720,699					
	309,730,699					

<sup>a</sup> Of this amount, \$1,426,641 is one-time funding for technology projects.

<sup>b</sup> This amount shall be from tuition revenue.

<sup>c</sup> This amount shall be from other than tuition revenues.

<sup>d</sup> Of this amount, \$300,000 shall be from the Water Research Fund. For purposes of complying with the limitation on state fiscal year spending imposed by Article X, Section 20 of the State Constitution, these moneys are include for informational purposes as they are continuously appropriated by a permanent statute or constitutional provision. Also, ~~\$200,000(T)~~ \$210,000(T) shall be from the Local Government Mineral Impact Fund pursuant to Section 34-63-102, C.R.S. This amount represents a 2000 calendar year grant; any unexpended balance on June 30, 2000 is intended to roll forward and remain available for expenditure in FY 2000-01.

<sup>e</sup> This amount shall be from auxiliary revenue.

**(5) REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO<sup>70,71</sup>**

**(A) Board of Regents and General Campuses**

General Fund and Tuition						
Allocation	453,383,372		199,078,096 <sup>a</sup>		254,305,276 <sup>b</sup>	
	(5,919.0 FTE)					
Other Than Tuition Revenue	29,160,391			28,875,391 <sup>c</sup>	285,000(T) <sup>d</sup>	
Auxiliary Revenue	<u>18,785,725</u>			18,785,725 <sup>e</sup>		

501,329,488

<sup>a</sup> Of this amount, \$1,993,597 is one-time funding for technology projects.

<sup>b</sup> This amount shall be from tuition revenue.

<sup>c</sup> This amount shall be from other than tuition revenue.

<sup>d</sup> This amount shall be from the Local Government Mineral Impact Fund pursuant to Section 34-63-102, C.R.S. This amount represents a 2000 calendar year grant; any unexpended balance on June 30, 2000 is intended to roll forward and remain available for expenditure in FY 2000-01.

<sup>e</sup> This amount shall be from auxiliary revenue.

**(B) Health Sciences Center**

Advisory Commission on Family Medicine

Residency Training

Programs<sup>72</sup> 2,284,468

Commission Expenses 95,409

(1.0 FTE)

2,379,877

324,466

2,055,411(T)<sup>a</sup>

<sup>a</sup> This amount shall be from Medicaid funds appropriated in the Department of Health Care Policy and Financing.

503,709,365

**(6) TRUSTEES OF THE COLORADO SCHOOL OF MINES<sup>70, 71</sup>**

General Campus

General Fund and Tuition

Allocation 43,034,916

18,624,568<sup>a</sup>

24,410,348<sup>b</sup>

(591.1 FTE)

Other Than Tuition Revenue 415,921

415,921<sup>c</sup>

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			GENERAL FUND	GENERAL FUND EXEMPT	CASH FUNDS	CASH FUNDS EXEMPT	FEDERAL FUNDS
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Auxiliary Revenue	<u>418,091</u>	43,868,928			418,091 <sup>d</sup>		

<sup>a</sup> Of this amount, \$295,812 is one-time funding for technology projects.

<sup>b</sup> This amount shall be from tuition revenue.

<sup>c</sup> This amount shall be from other than tuition revenue.

<sup>d</sup> This amount shall be from auxiliary revenue.

**(7) UNIVERSITY OF NORTHERN COLORADO<sup>70, 71</sup>**

General Campus

General Fund and Tuition

Allocation	70,366,985		39,454,391 <sup>a</sup>		30,912,594 <sup>b</sup>		
	(1,082.2 FTE)						
Other Than Tuition Revenue	3,039,198				3,039,198 <sup>c</sup>		
Auxiliary Revenue	<u>1,224,739</u>				1,224,739 <sup>d</sup>		
		74,630,922					

<sup>a</sup> Of this amount, \$480,004 is one-time funding for technology projects.

<sup>b</sup> This amount shall be from tuition revenue.

<sup>c</sup> This amount shall be from other than tuition revenue.

<sup>d</sup> This amount shall be from auxiliary revenue.

**(8) STATE BOARD FOR COMMUNITY COLLEGES AND OCCUPATIONAL  
EDUCATION STATE SYSTEM COMMUNITY COLLEGES<sup>70, 71, 73</sup>**

Governing Board and General Campuses

General Fund and Tuition

Allocation	195,249,684	120,091,018 <sup>a</sup>	75,158,666 <sup>b</sup>	
	(3,775.2 FTE)			
Other Than Tuition Revenue	11,034,605		7,840,805 <sup>c</sup>	3,193,800(L) <sup>d</sup>
Auxiliary Revenue	<u>934,561</u>		934,561 <sup>e</sup>	
	207,218,850			

<sup>a</sup> Of this amount, \$1,715,129 is one-time funding for technology projects.

<sup>b</sup> This amount shall be from tuition revenue.

<sup>c</sup> This amount shall be from other than tuition revenue.

<sup>d</sup> This amount shall be from local property tax collections.

<sup>e</sup> This amount shall be from auxiliary revenue.

**(9) LOCAL DISTRICT JUNIOR  
COLLEGE GRANTS PURSUANT TO  
SECTION 23-71-301, C.R.S.**

13,698,698 13,698,698<sup>a</sup>

<sup>a</sup> Of this amount, \$115,627 is one-time funding for technology projects.

**(10) DIVISION OF OCCUPATIONAL EDUCATION**

**(A) Administrative Costs** 604,909 604,909

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			(9.0 FTE)			
<b>(B) Colorado Vocational Act Distributions pursuant to Section 23-8-102, C.R.S.</b>	17,291,400	17,291,400				
<b>(C) Area Vocational School Support</b>	10,578,544	10,578,544				
<b>(D) Sponsored Programs</b>						
(1) Administration	1,774,709					
	(28.5 FTE)					
(2) Programs	13,019,517					
	<u>14,794,226</u>					14,794,226
<b>(E) Colorado First Customized Job Training<sup>74</sup></b>	3,133,400				3,133,400(T) <sup>a</sup>	

**(F) Existing Industry  
Training<sup>74</sup>**

1,125,220

1,125,220(T)<sup>a</sup>

**(G) Job Training  
Partnership Act**

752,058

752,058(T)<sup>b</sup>  
(2.0 FTE)

48,279,757

<sup>a</sup> These amounts represent transfers from the Department of Local Affairs, Economic Development section. Any amounts included in state fiscal year spending are accounted for in the Department of Local Affairs' appropriation.

<sup>b</sup> This amount shall be from federal Job Training Partnership Act funds, appropriated in the Department of Labor and Employment.

**(11) AURARIA HIGHER EDUCATION CENTER<sup>71</sup>**

Administration

15,077,208

15,077,208(T)<sup>a</sup>

(192.8 FTE)

Auxiliary Revenue

50,000

50,000<sup>b</sup>

15,127,208

<sup>a</sup> This amount shall be from the appropriations for the State Board of Community Colleges and Occupational Education, the Trustees of the State Colleges, and the Regents of the University of Colorado.

<sup>b</sup> This amount shall be from auxiliary revenue.

**(12) COUNCIL ON THE ARTS**

Personal Services

429,992

336,520

93,472<sup>a</sup>

(6.0 FTE)

(2.0 FTE)

Operating Expenses

91,002

76,835

14,167<sup>a</sup>

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Programs/Scientific and Cultural Facilities District	979,789		724,914			14,000 <sup>b</sup>	240,875
Programs/Greater Colorado	<u>979,789</u>		724,914			14,000 <sup>b</sup>	240,875
		2,480,572					

<sup>a</sup> These amounts shall be from the Art in Public Places Fund originating from capital construction appropriations.

<sup>b</sup> These amounts shall be from gifts, grants, and donations.

**(13) STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY****(A) Administration**

Administration and General (78.1 FTE)	3,594,322		2,364,549		575,810 <sup>a</sup>	152,247 <sup>b</sup>	501,716
Utilities	52,463		28,846		23,617 <sup>a</sup>		
Cumbres and Toltec Railroad Commission	<del>10,000</del>		<del>10,000</del>				
	100,000		100,000				
Certified Local Government Program	<u>59,082</u>						59,082
	<u>3,715,867</u>						

3,805,867

<sup>a</sup> These amounts shall be from museum admission fees, user charges, and other sources of cash funds.

<sup>b</sup> Of this amount, \$90,943(T) shall be from indirect cost recoveries within the agency and \$61,304 shall be from various sources of cash funds exempt.

**(B) Sponsored Programs**

Program Costs	330,000	85,000(T) <sup>a</sup>	185,000 <sup>b</sup>	60,000
	(2.5 FTE)			

<sup>a</sup> This amount shall be from a contract with Correctional Industries for the Ordway Conservation Center.

<sup>b</sup> This amount shall be from donations and gifts.

**(C) Auxiliary Programs**

Program Costs	<del>1,100,000</del>	<del>980,000<sup>a</sup></del>	120,000 <sup>b</sup>
	1,250,000	1,130,000 <sup>a</sup>	
	(12.5 FTE)		

<sup>a</sup> This amount shall be from museum shop sales, microphoto services, public education programs, membership/publication services, traveling exhibits, rentals, and special event fees.

<sup>b</sup> This amount shall be from donations and gifts.

**(D) Gaming Revenue**

Historic Preservation for Gaming Cities	3,297,261
Historic Preservation Grant Program <sup>74a</sup>	13,189,046
	<u>(13.0 FTE)</u>

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16,486,307					16,486,307 <sup>a</sup>	

<sup>a</sup> This amount shall be from exempt gaming revenues and is dedicated to historic preservation.

~~21,632,174~~  
21,872,174

**(14) COLORADO ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY INSTITUTE<sup>75, 76</sup>**

Program Costs	3,227,090	3,227,090(T) <sup>a</sup> (6.8 FTE)
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<sup>a</sup> This amount represents a transfer from the Department of Local Affairs, Economic Development section. Any amounts included in state fiscal year spending are accounted for in the Department of Local Affairs' appropriation.

**TOTALS PART VI  
(HIGHER EDUCATION)<sup>5</sup>**

<sup>6</sup>	<del>\$1,463,304,987</del>	<del>\$715,563,536</del>	<del>\$680,387,766<sup>a</sup></del>	<del>\$50,039,724<sup>a</sup></del>	\$17,313,961
	<u>\$1,463,554,987</u>	<u>\$715,653,536</u>	<u>\$680,537,766<sup>a</sup></u>	<u>\$50,049,724<sup>a</sup></u>	

**FOOTNOTES** -- The following statements are referenced to the numbered footnotes throughout section 2.

- 5 (Governor lined through this provision. See L. 99, p. 2245.)
- 6 All Departments, Totals -- The General Assembly requests that copies of all reports requested in other footnotes contained in this act be delivered to the Joint Budget Committee and the majority and minority leadership in each house of the General Assembly. Each principal department of the state shall produce its rules and regulations in an electronic format that is suitable for public access through electronic means. Such rules and regulations in such format shall be submitted to the Office of Legislative Legal Services for publishing on the Internet. It is the intent of the General Assembly that this be done within existing resources.
- 65 Department of Higher Education, Colorado Commission on Higher Education -- For the FY 2000-01 budget request, the Colorado Commission on Higher Education is directed to submit a unified budget request representing all functions performed by the Governing Boards. This includes the independent Colorado State University agencies and the various occupational education programs under the Colorado Community College and Occupational Education System. In recognition of the state's General Fund appropriation limitation, the Commission is directed to limit the total General Fund increase requested to no more than 6 percent.
- 66 Department of Higher Education, Colorado Commission on Higher Education -- The Colorado Commission on Higher Education is requested to report to the Joint Budget Committee by November 1, 1999, on recommendations that the state should consider in relation to adjusting Colorado's student financial aid programs in light of the new federal income tax credits.
- 67 Department of Higher Education, Colorado Commission on Higher Education, Administration -- The Colorado Commission on Higher Education is requested to submit a report to the Joint Budget Committee by no later than November 1, 1999, on the feasibility of a guaranteed tuition plan. The report should examine the advantages and disadvantages of such a plan, including the potential TABOR impacts, and should include recommendations on which

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institutions would be most likely to succeed with such a program.

- 68 Department of Higher Education, Colorado Commission on Higher Education, Special Purpose, Enrollment/Cash Fund Contingency -- The Colorado Commission on Higher Education may transfer spending authority from this line item to the Governing Boards in the event that tuition or other cash fund revenues increase beyond appropriated levels. The spending authority for this line item shall be in addition to the funds appropriated directly to the Governing Boards. The Colorado Commission on Higher Education shall not authorize transfers for spending authority from this line item to support tuition or fee increases.
- 69 Department of Higher Education, Colorado Commission on Higher Education, Financial Aid, Work Study -- It is the intent of the General Assembly to allow the Colorado Commission on Higher Education to roll forward 2 percent of the Work Study appropriation to the next fiscal year.
- 70 Department of Higher Education, Trustees of the State Colleges in Colorado; State Board of Agriculture; Regents of the University of Colorado; Trustees of the Colorado School of Mines; University of Northern Colorado; State Board for Community Colleges and Occupational Education State System Community Colleges -- It is the intent of the General Assembly that the average resident and nonresident tuition rates by Governing Board be raised up to 2.4 percent. These rates are used in order to increase spending authority for program enhancements and this is not an attempt by the General Assembly to set tuition policy. Each Governing Board will give consideration to establishing equity of tuition increases among the campuses under the Governing Board's jurisdiction. In addition to the tuition increases outlined above, the General Assembly has approved an additional \$142,034 in tuition spending authority for the following programs at the

University of Colorado Health Sciences Center: Masters in Public Health; Masters in Biophysics and Genetics, and the Child Health/Physician Assistant undergraduate and graduate programs. The University of Colorado is allowed to increase the tuition in these programs in amounts not to exceed the additional spending authority specified above. Also, the General Assembly authorizes the Law School at the University of Colorado at Boulder to increase their resident tuition by 7.6 percent and their nonresident tuition by 2.1 percent above the standard increases.

- 71 Department of Higher Education, Trustees of the State Colleges in Colorado; State Board of Agriculture; Regents of the University of Colorado; Trustees of the Colorado School of Mines; University of Northern Colorado; State Board for Community Colleges and Occupational Education State System Community Colleges; Auraria Higher Education Center -- Notwithstanding the limitations set forth in subsection (3) of section 1 of this act, the FTE reflected in these line items are shown for informational purposes and are not intended to be a limitation on the budgetary flexibility allowed by Section 23-1-104 (1)(a)(I), C.R.S.
- 72 Department of Higher Education, Regents of the University of Colorado, Health Sciences Center, Advisory Commission on Family Medicine, Residency Training Programs -- It is the intent of the General Assembly that \$228,379 of the residency training program appropriation, which can no longer be used for the HealthOne family medicine residency due to its loss of accreditation by the American Osteopathic Association, be instead redistributed to the other nine family medicine residencies.
- 73 Department of Higher Education, State Board for Community Colleges and Occupational Education State System Community Colleges -- The State Board for Community Colleges and Occupational Education State System is requested to report to the Joint Budget Committee by November 1, 1999, on efforts to bring the General Fund support per resident student at Northwestern Community College more in line with the rest of the community college system.
- 74 Department of Higher Education, Division of Occupational Education, Colorado First Customized Job Training; and Existing Industry Training; and Department of Local Affairs, Economic Development, Programs Administered by Other Departments, Department of Higher Education, Division of Occupational Education, Colorado First Customized Job Training; and Existing Industry Training -- These programs are requested to submit to the Joint Budget Committee by November 1, 1999, a detailed plan for accountability, including review criteria for selection of companies to participate, the number of new jobs created by the programs, the number of unemployed and underemployed individuals who were

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trained and employed by these programs, the amount of new personal income and state personal and corporate income tax generated by these programs, the time period for repayment of state investment in these programs, and the number of persons taken off state support programs and the money saved thereby. Up to ten percent of the Customized Job Training appropriation may be used to supplement the Existing Industry Training appropriation.

- 74a Department of Higher Education, State Historical Society, Gaming Revenue, Program Administration -- Pursuant to Section 12-47.1-1201 (3), C.R.S., the General Assembly finds that this appropriation represents reasonable costs for the State Historical Society to use in the selection, monitoring, and administration of grants for historic preservation purposes. It is further the intent of the General Assembly that the entire historic preservation grant process, from initial application to final contract award, be made more user friendly and that the State Historical Society report to the Joint Budget Committee by November 1, 1999, on efforts to streamline this process.
- 75 Department of Higher Education, Colorado Advanced Technology Institute; and Department of Local Affairs, Economic Development, Programs Administered by Other Departments, Department of Higher Education, Colorado Advanced Technology Institute, Program Costs -- The Institute is requested to have an overall cash funds matching ratio of at least 1.2 private funds to 1.0 state funds, and a federal funds matching ratio of at least 3.0 federal funds to 1.0 state funds. The Institute is also requested to submit a report to the Joint Budget Committee by November 1, 1999, detailing the Institute's accomplishments and efforts that have not worked. This report should include a review of the Institute's participation in any organizations authorized under Section 23-5-121, C.R.S., the financial statements from these organizations, and an explanation of the disposition of revenues earned by these organizations.

76 (Governor lined through this provision. See L. 99, p. 2249.)

**SECTION 2. 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 6, 2000