

## CHAPTER 399

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**EDUCATION - UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES**


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**SENATE BILL 03-304**

BY SENATOR(S) Arnold, Evans, Hillman, and McElhany;  
also REPRESENTATIVE(S) Lee, Carroll, McFadyen, Paccione, and Salazar.

**AN ACT**

**CONCERNING PROVISIONS THAT GOVERN THE OPERATIONS OF STATE-SUPPORTED INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION.**

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

**SECTION 1.** 23-20-101, Colorado Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

**23-20-101. University of Colorado - role and mission - all campuses.** (1) The role and mission of the several campuses of the university of Colorado shall be as follows:

(a) The Boulder campus of the university of Colorado shall be a comprehensive graduate research university with ~~high~~ **SELECTIVE** admission standards. ~~which offers~~ **THE BOULDER CAMPUS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO SHALL OFFER a comprehensive array of undergraduate, MASTERS, AND DOCTORAL DEGREE programs. THE BOULDER CAMPUS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO HAS EXCLUSIVE AUTHORITY TO OFFER GRADUATE PROGRAMS IN LAW. The Colorado commission on higher education, shall, after consultation with the board of regents, further define the role and mission of the institution and establish as great a distinction among the graduate offerings at the Boulder campus of the university of Colorado, Colorado state university, and the university of northern Colorado as is in its judgment educationally, geographically, and economically appropriate** IN CONSULTATION WITH THE BOARD OF REGENTS, SHALL DESIGNATE THOSE GRADUATE LEVEL PROGRAMS THAT ARE THE PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY OF THE BOULDER CAMPUS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO. ~~The board of regents shall adhere to this further definition of role and mission.~~ The university has the responsibility to provide on a statewide basis, utilizing when possible and appropriate the faculty and facilities of other educational institutions, those graduate level programs. ~~designated by the commission as primarily its statewide responsibility.~~ The commission shall include in its funding

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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.*

recommendations a level of general fund support for these programs.

(b) The Denver campus of the university of Colorado shall be a ~~comprehensive baccalaureate liberal arts and sciences institution~~ AN URBAN UNDERGRADUATE AND GRADUATE RESEARCH UNIVERSITY with ~~high~~ SELECTIVE admission standards. The Denver campus shall ~~provide selected professional programs and such graduate programs at the~~ OFFER BACCALAUREATE, masters, and A LIMITED NUMBER OF doctoral level DEGREE PROGRAMS, ~~as will EMPHASIZING THOSE THAT serve the needs of the Denver metropolitan area. emphasizing those professional programs not offered by other institutions of higher education.~~ THE DENVER CAMPUS HAS STATEWIDE AUTHORITY TO OFFER GRADUATE PROGRAMS IN PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION AND EXCLUSIVE AUTHORITY IN ARCHITECTURE AND PLANNING.

(c) The Colorado Springs campus of the university of Colorado shall be a comprehensive baccalaureate ~~liberal arts and sciences institution~~ UNIVERSITY with selective admission standards. The Colorado Springs campus shall ~~provide selected professional programs and such graduate programs as will serve the needs of the Colorado Springs metropolitan area, emphasizing those professional programs not offered by other institutions of higher education~~ OFFER LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCES, BUSINESS, ENGINEERING, HEALTH SCIENCES, AND TEACHER PREPARATION UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE PROGRAMS, AND A SELECTED NUMBER OF MASTERS AND DOCTORAL DEGREE PROGRAMS.

(d) The HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER campus of the university of Colorado ~~associated with the university of Colorado university hospital shall be a specialized professional institution offering~~ SHALL OFFER SPECIALIZED baccalaureate, ~~and graduate~~ FIRST-PROFESSIONAL, MASTERS, AND DOCTORAL DEGREE programs in health-related disciplines and professions. IT SHALL BE AFFILIATED WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO HOSPITAL AND OTHER HEALTH CARE FACILITIES THAT OFFER SETTINGS FOR EDUCATION, CLINICAL PRACTICE, AND BASIC AND APPLIED RESEARCH. IT SHALL HAVE EXCLUSIVE AUTHORITY IN MEDICINE, DENTISTRY, PHARMACY, AND PHYSICAL THERAPY.

**SECTION 2.** 23-31-101, Colorado Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

**23-31-101. University established - role and mission.** There is hereby established a university at Fort Collins to be known as Colorado state university. Colorado state university shall be a comprehensive graduate research university with ~~high~~ SELECTIVE admission standards offering a comprehensive array of ~~undergraduate~~ BACCALAUREATE, MASTERS, AND DOCTORAL DEGREE programs. Consistent with the tradition of land grant universities, COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY HAS EXCLUSIVE AUTHORITY TO OFFER GRADUATE AND UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS IN AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY, NATURAL RESOURCES, AND VETERINARY MEDICINE. The Colorado commission on higher education, ~~shall, after consultation with the board of governors of the Colorado state university system, further define the role and mission of the institution and establish as great a distinction among the graduate offerings at the Boulder campus of the university of Colorado, Colorado state university, and the university of northern Colorado as is in its judgment educationally, geographically, and economically appropriate.~~ IN CONSULTATION WITH THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM, SHALL DESIGNATE THOSE GRADUATE LEVEL PROGRAMS THAT ARE THE PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY OF COLORADO STATE

UNIVERSITY. ~~The governing board shall adhere to this further definition of role and mission.~~ Colorado state university has the responsibility to provide on a statewide basis, utilizing when possible and appropriate the faculty and facilities of other educational institutions, those graduate level programs. ~~designated by the commission as primarily its statewide responsibility.~~ The commission shall include in its funding recommendations a level of general fund support for these programs.

**SECTION 3.** 23-40-101, Colorado Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

**23-40-101. University established - role and mission.** There is hereby established a university at Greeley, to be known as the university of northern Colorado. The university of northern Colorado shall be a ~~general~~ COMPREHENSIVE baccalaureate and specialized graduate research university with selective ~~admissions~~ ADMISSION standards. The university shall be the primary institution for undergraduate and graduate ~~teacher education~~ DEGREE PROGRAMS FOR EDUCATIONAL PERSONNEL PREPARATION in the state of Colorado. The university shall offer masters and doctoral programs primarily in the field of education. ~~The Colorado commission on higher education shall, after consultation with the governing board, further define the role and mission of the institution and establish as great a distinction among the graduate offerings at the Boulder campus of the university of Colorado, Colorado state university, and the university of northern Colorado as is in its judgment educationally, geographically, and economically appropriate. The governing board shall adhere to this further definition of role and mission.~~ The university of northern Colorado has the responsibility to ~~provide~~ OFFER on a statewide basis, utilizing where possible and appropriate the faculty and facilities of other educational institutions, those graduate level programs needed by professional educators and education administrators. The commission shall include in its funding recommendations an appropriate level of general fund support for those programs.

**SECTION 4.** 23-54-102 (1) (a), (2), (3), and (4), Colorado Revised Statutes, are amended to read:

**23-54-102. Board of trustees - creation - members - powers - duties.** (1) (a) Effective July 1, 2002, there is established the board of trustees for Metropolitan state college of Denver, referred to in this article as the "board of trustees", which shall consist of ~~nine~~ ELEVEN members and shall be the governing authority for Metropolitan state college of Denver. The board of trustees created by this subsection (1) shall be, and is hereby declared to be, a body corporate and, as such and by the names designated in this section, may:

(I) Acquire and hold property for the use of Metropolitan state college of Denver;

(II) Be a party to all suits and contracts; and

(III) Do all things necessary to carry out the provisions of this article in like manner as municipal corporations of this state, including but not limited to the power to demand, receive, hold, and use for the best interests of Metropolitan state college of Denver such money, lands, or other property as may be donated or devised to or for the college.

(2) The governor shall appoint, with the consent of the senate, ~~seven~~ NINE members

of the board of trustees. The members first appointed to said board shall take office on July 1, 2002. The terms of appointed members of the board of trustees shall be four years; except that, of the members first appointed, the governor shall select two members who shall serve one-year terms, two members who shall serve two-year terms, and ~~three~~ FIVE members who shall serve four-year terms. All appointed members shall serve until their successors are appointed and qualified.

(3) A full-time junior or senior student at Metropolitan state college of Denver, elected by the student body at large, shall fill the ~~eighth~~ TENTH office as a member of the board of trustees. The term of said office shall be one year, beginning July 1, 2002, and beginning July 1 each year thereafter. The elected student office shall be advisory, without the right to vote and without the right to attend executive sessions of the board of trustees, as provided by section 24-6-402, C.R.S. The elected student member of the board of trustees shall have resided in the state of Colorado not fewer than three years immediately prior to election. As used in this subsection (3), "full-time student" shall have the same definition as "full-time equivalent student" used by the joint budget committee of the general assembly.

(4) A full-time member of the teaching faculty at large of Metropolitan state college of Denver, elected by the faculty at large, shall fill the ~~ninth~~ ELEVENTH office as a member of the board of trustees. The term of said office shall be one year, beginning July 1, 2002, and beginning July 1 each year thereafter. The elected faculty member of the board of trustees ~~shall have the right to vote but~~ shall be ADVISORY, without the right to VOTE AND WITHOUT THE RIGHT TO attend executive sessions of the board of trustees, as provided by section 24-6-402, C.R.S.

**SECTION 5.** 23-60-201, Colorado Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

**23-60-201. State system of community colleges established - local district colleges - role and mission.** There is hereby established a state system of community and technical colleges which shall be under the management and jurisdiction of the state board for community colleges and occupational education. ~~Each college shall be a two-year institution~~ THE MISSION OF THE COMMUNITY COLLEGES SHALL BE TO SERVE COLORADO RESIDENTS WHO RESIDE IN THEIR SERVICE AREAS BY offering a broad range of general, personal, vocational, and technical education programs. EACH COLLEGE SHALL BE A TWO-YEAR COLLEGE. No college shall impose admission requirements upon any student. The objects of the community and technical colleges shall be to provide educational programs to fill the occupational needs of youth and adults in technical and vocational fields, ~~to provide~~ two-year transfer educational programs to qualify students for admission to the junior year at other colleges and universities, BASIC SKILLS, WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT, and ~~to provide~~ a broad range of programs of personal and vocational education for adults.

**SECTION 6.** 23-60-205, Colorado Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

**23-60-205. Community and technical colleges.** The state system of community and technical colleges shall include: Arapahoe community college, COLORADO NORTHWESTERN COMMUNITY COLLEGE, the community college of Aurora, the community college of Denver, Front Range community college, Lamar community college, Morgan community college, NORTHEASTERN JUNIOR COLLEGE, Otero junior college, Pikes Peak community college, Pueblo community college, Red Rocks

community college, Trinidad state junior college, and Colorado community college and occupational education system college. ~~any local district community college which joins the state system pursuant to part 2 of article 71 of this title, and any other such college created by the general assembly.~~ The state system of community and technical colleges shall be governed by the state board for community colleges and occupational education. ~~Any college in the system may withdraw pursuant to section 23-71-205.~~

**SECTION 7.** Article 72 of title 23, Colorado Revised Statutes, is amended BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION to read:

**23-72-121.5. District colleges - role and mission.** AIMS COMMUNITY COLLEGE AND COLORADO MOUNTAIN COLLEGE SHALL BE TWO-YEAR LOCAL DISTRICT COLLEGES WITH OPEN ADMISSION STANDARDS. EACH COLLEGE'S MISSION SHALL BE TO SERVE COLORADO RESIDENTS IN THE COLLEGE'S RESPECTIVE DESIGNATED SERVICE AREA BY OFFERING ACADEMIC TWO-YEAR DEGREES, BASIC SKILLS, VOCATIONAL PROGRAMS, WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT, AND A BROAD RANGE OF COURSES FOR PROFESSIONAL AND PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT.

**SECTION 8. Effective date.** This act shall take effect July 1, 2003.

**SECTION 9. 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: June 5, 2003