

CHAPTER 260

EDUCATION - UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES

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AN ACT**CONCERNING AREA VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS.**

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

SECTION 1. 23-60-103 (1), Colorado Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

23-60-103. Definitions. As used in this article, unless the context otherwise requires:

(1) "Area vocational school" means a school offering approved postsecondary vocational programs for credit, operated by a local school district or by a board of cooperative services, and designated by the general assembly as an area vocational school in conformity with standards established by the state board for community colleges and occupational education. Tuition rates and fees charged any person not enrolled in a secondary school curriculum shall be uniform for any group classification. For the purposes of this article, the following SCHOOLS, AS NAMED IN THIS SUBSECTION (1) OR AS THEIR NAMES MAY BE CHANGED PURSUANT TO SECTION 23-60-801, are declared to be area vocational schools: The Emily Griffith opportunity school, the San Juan basin area vocational school, the Delta-Montrose area vocational school, and the Aurora tech center.

SECTION 2. Article 60 of title 23, Colorado Revised Statutes, is amended BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW PART to read:

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23-60-801. Area vocational schools - name. THE SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF

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

EDUCATION OR THE BOARD OF COOPERATIVE SERVICES, WHICHEVER IS APPLICABLE, THAT ACTS AS THE GOVERNING BOARD OF AN AREA VOCATIONAL SCHOOL MAY, BY RESOLUTION, RENAME THE AREA VOCATIONAL SCHOOL TO IDENTIFY IT AS A TECHNICAL COLLEGE. IDENTIFYING AN AREA VOCATIONAL SCHOOL AS A TECHNICAL COLLEGE SHALL NOT CHANGE ITS STATUS AS AN AREA VOCATIONAL SCHOOL NOR CHANGE THE GOVERNANCE OR OPERATION OF THE AREA VOCATIONAL SCHOOL.

23-60-802. Area vocational schools - credits - transfer. ON OR BEFORE SEPTEMBER 1, 2004, THE BOARD SHALL ADOPT POLICIES TO ENSURE THAT, IF A STUDENT COMPLETES A PROGRAM OF STUDY AT AN AREA VOCATIONAL SCHOOL AND SUBSEQUENTLY ENROLLS IN AN INSTITUTION WITHIN THE STATE SYSTEM OF COMMUNITY AND TECHNICAL COLLEGES, OR TRANSFERS FROM AN AREA VOCATIONAL SCHOOL TO AN INSTITUTION WITHIN THE STATE SYSTEM OF COMMUNITY AND TECHNICAL COLLEGES, ANY POSTSECONDARY COURSE CREDITS EARNED BY THE STUDENT WHILE ENROLLED IN THE AREA VOCATIONAL SCHOOL WILL APPLY IN FULL AT ANOTHER AREA VOCATIONAL SCHOOL OR TO AN APPROPRIATE PROGRAM LEADING TO A CERTIFICATE OR TO AN ASSOCIATE DEGREE AT A COMMUNITY OR TECHNICAL COLLEGE. POSTSECONDARY CREDITS EARNED BY A STUDENT AT AN AREA VOCATIONAL SCHOOL MAY BE TRANSFERRED INTO AN ASSOCIATE DEGREE PROGRAM AT A COMMUNITY COLLEGE OR INTO A DEGREE PROGRAM AT A FOUR-YEAR INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 23-1-108 (7) AND THE STATE CREDIT TRANSFER POLICIES ESTABLISHED BY THE COLORADO COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION.

SECTION 3. Effective date. This act shall take effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly that is allowed for submitting a referendum petition pursuant to article V, section 1 (3) of the state constitution (August 4, 2004, if adjournment sine die is on May 5, 2004); except that, if a referendum petition is filed against this act or an item, section, or part of this act within such period, then the act, item, section, or part, if approved by the people, shall take effect on the date of the official declaration of the vote thereon by proclamation of the governor.

Approved: May 21, 2004