

CHAPTER 138

EDUCATION - UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES

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AN ACT

CONCERNING AUTHORIZING THE UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO TO IMPLEMENT AN ACCOUNTABLE STUDENT PROGRAM FOR STUDENTS IN HEALTH SCIENCES PROFESSIONS.

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

SECTION 1. Part 1 of article 20 of title 23, Colorado Revised Statutes, is amended BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION to read:

23-20-138. Health sciences center - definitions - accountable student program - creation. (1) AS USED IN THIS SECTION, UNLESS THE CONTEXT OTHERWISE REQUIRES:

(a) "ACCOUNTABLE STUDENT" MEANS A PERSON WHO, AS OF THE DATE OF HIS OR HER SELECTION FOR ADMISSION INTO A UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO AT DENVER AND HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER PROFESSIONAL HEALTH CARE PROGRAM, WILL NOT BE RECEIVING FUNDING FROM THE STATE OF COLORADO OR A COOPERATIVE STATE FOR ANY PORTION OF THE COSTS INCURRED IN PARTICIPATING IN A UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO AT DENVER AND HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER PROFESSIONAL HEALTH CARE PROGRAM.

(b) "BOARD" MEANS THE BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO.

(c) "COOPERATIVE STATE" MEANS A STATE THAT HAS ENTERED INTO A COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE OF COLORADO PURSUANT TO SECTION 24-60-601, C.R.S.

(d) "SPECIAL SUPPORT FEE" MEANS THE FEE DETERMINED BY THE BOARD

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

PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (5) OF THIS SECTION TO REFLECT THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE ACTUAL COSTS OF EDUCATION FOR AN ACCOUNTABLE STUDENT ENROLLED IN A UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO AT DENVER AND HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER PROFESSIONAL HEALTH CARE PROGRAM AND THE TUITION ASSESSED TO THE ACCOUNTABLE STUDENT.

(2) THE BOARD IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT CONCERNING THE ASSESSMENT OF A SPECIAL SUPPORT FEE WITH EACH ACCOUNTABLE STUDENT.

(3) EACH ACCOUNTABLE STUDENT SHALL ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH THE BOARD THAT SHALL PROVIDE THAT, AS A CONDITION OF THE ACCOUNTABLE STUDENT'S CONTINUED ENROLLMENT IN A UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO AT DENVER AND HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER PROFESSIONAL HEALTH CARE PROGRAM, A SPECIAL SUPPORT FEE SHALL BE PAID ANNUALLY TO THE BOARD BY OR ON BEHALF OF THE ACCOUNTABLE STUDENT PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (4) OF THIS SECTION.

(4) BEGINNING IN THE 2006-07 ACADEMIC YEAR, THE BOARD MAY ANNUALLY ASSESS EACH ACCOUNTABLE STUDENT A SPECIAL SUPPORT FEE AS THE BOARD DETERMINES NECESSARY PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (5) OF THIS SECTION. THE FEE REQUIRED TO BE COLLECTED PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTION (4) IS BASED ON AN ACCOUNTABLE STUDENT'S STATUS AS AN ACCOUNTABLE STUDENT AT THE TIME OF SELECTION FOR ADMISSION INTO A UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO AT DENVER AND HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER PROFESSIONAL HEALTH CARE PROGRAM AND SHALL NOT BE REDUCED OR WAIVED REGARDLESS OF THE ACCOUNTABLE STUDENT'S FUTURE STATUS AS AN IN-STATE STUDENT, PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 23-7-103, AT ANY TIME DURING THE ACCOUNTABLE STUDENT'S PARTICIPATION IN A UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO AT DENVER AND HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER PROFESSIONAL HEALTH CARE PROGRAM. IF AFTER THE FIRST YEAR THE ACCOUNTABLE STUDENT CEASES TO PARTICIPATE IN HIS OR HER UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO AT DENVER AND HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER PROFESSIONAL HEALTH CARE PROGRAM FOR REASONS OTHER THAN A MEDICAL DISABILITY, HE OR SHE SHALL REPAY TO THE UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO AT DENVER AND HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER PROFESSIONAL HEALTH CARE PROGRAM THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE AMOUNT PAID FOR THE SPECIAL SUPPORT FEE AND THE AMOUNT OF TUITION THAT WOULD HAVE BEEN OTHERWISE ASSESSED TO THE ACCOUNTABLE STUDENT.

(5) THE BOARD SHALL DETERMINE ANNUALLY THE AMOUNT OF THE SPECIAL SUPPORT FEE BASED ON RECOMMENDATIONS FROM EACH UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO AT DENVER AND HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER CAMPUS OFFERING PROFESSIONAL HEALTH CARE PROGRAM COURSES.

(6) THE FEE-FOR-SERVICE CONTRACT NEGOTIATED BETWEEN THE BOARD AND THE DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION PURSUANT TO SECTION 23-5-130 SHALL SPECIFY THE AMOUNT OF FUNDING FOR EDUCATIONAL SERVICES PROVIDED TO GRADUATE STUDENTS BY THE STATE OF COLORADO. A GRADUATE STUDENT RECEIVING EDUCATIONAL SERVICES PAID FOR BY THE STATE OF COLORADO IS NOT ELIGIBLE TO BE AN ACCOUNTABLE STUDENT.

SECTION 2. 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 9, 2006, if adjournment sine die is on May 10, 2006); 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.

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