

## CHAPTER 193

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**EDUCATION - UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES**


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**SENATE BILL 09-062**

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**AN ACT****CONCERNING INCENTIVES FOR ARMED FORCES VETERANS TO ENTER THE TEACHING PROFESSION.**

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

**SECTION 1.** 23-3.3-901 (4), Colorado Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

**23-3.3-901. Teach Colorado grant initiative created - award of grants - legislative declaration.** (4) In awarding grants through the teach Colorado grant initiative, the department shall give special consideration to scholarships that:

(a) Are designed to create a partnership between two institutions of higher education, one of which does not have an approved teacher preparation program but has students who have demonstrated academic excellence in one or more high-need content areas and have expressed an interest in entering the teaching profession;

(b) Are designed to create a partnership between the institution of higher education and one or more school districts or BOCES that have a shortage of teachers in high-need content areas;

(c) Are designed to meet the needs of rural or high-poverty schools, school districts, or BOCES, as identified by the department of education; ~~or~~

(d) ARE DESIGNED TO ASSIST HONORABLY DISCHARGED VETERANS OF THE ARMED FORCES IN ENTERING THE TEACHING PROFESSION; OR

~~(d)~~ (e) Require each scholarship recipient to commit to completing his or her student teaching in a rural or high-poverty school, school district, or BOCES, as

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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.*

identified by the department of education.

**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: April 30, 2009