

CHAPTER 74

EDUCATION - POSTSECONDARY

HOUSE BILL 12-1061

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AN ACT

CONCERNING REQUIRING A REPORT OF THE CORRELATION BETWEEN THE EDUCATIONAL CREDENTIALS ISSUED AND THE STATE'S WORKFORCE NEEDS.

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

SECTION 1. In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 23-1-130 as follows:

23-1-130. Department duty to report on workforce needs and credential production - repeal. (1) THIS SECTION SHALL BE KNOWN AS THE "SKILLS FOR JOBS ACT".

(2) TO THE EXTENT PRACTICABLE WITHIN AVAILABLE RESOURCES AND SUBJECT TO THE AVAILABILITY OF DATA CURRENTLY COLLECTED BY AND ACCESSIBLE TO STATE AGENCIES, THE DEPARTMENT, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, THE DEPARTMENT OF REGULATORY AGENCIES, AND ANY OTHER ENTITY THE DEPARTMENT DEEMS APPROPRIATE, SHALL PRODUCE AN ANNUAL REPORT REGARDING STATE WORKFORCE NEED PROJECTIONS AND CREDENTIAL PRODUCTION. THE REPORT SHALL:

(a) INDICATE THE STATE'S ANTICIPATED WORKFORCE NEEDS AND THE NUMBER OF DEGREES, CERTIFICATES, AND OTHER CREDENTIALS THAT PUBLIC AND PRIVATE INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION, PRIVATE OCCUPATIONAL SCHOOLS, LOCAL DISTRICT COLLEGES, AND AREA VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS EXPECT TO ISSUE;

(b) TO THE EXTENT PROVIDED BY SOURCES EXTERNAL TO THE DEPARTMENT, INDICATE THE STATE'S ANTICIPATED NUMBER OF DEGREES, CERTIFICATES, AND OTHER CREDENTIALS THAT HIGH SCHOOL VOCATIONAL PROGRAMS, APPRENTICESHIP

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

PROGRAMS, AND OTHER PUBLIC OR PRIVATE WORKFORCE TRAINING PROGRAMS EXPECT TO ISSUE;

(c) IDENTIFY ANY WORKFORCE NEEDS, INCLUDING AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION WITHIN A PARTICULAR VOCATION, THAT MAY NOT BE MET BY THE EDUCATION, TRAINING, AND APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAMS; AND

(d) IDENTIFY INSTITUTIONS, PUBLIC OR PRIVATE, THAT MAY MEET PROJECTED WORKFORCE NEEDS. THE DEPARTMENT, BY JANUARY 15 OF EACH YEAR, BEGINNING IN 2013, SHALL PROVIDE A COPY OF THE REPORT TO THE EDUCATION COMMITTEES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND THE SENATE, OR ANY SUCCESSOR COMMITTEES, TO THE ECONOMIC AND BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, OR ANY SUCCESSOR COMMITTEE, TO THE BUSINESS, LABOR, AND TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE OF THE SENATE, OR ANY SUCCESSOR COMMITTEE, AND TO THE GOVERNOR.

(3) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL SEND THE REPORT TO EVERY PUBLIC POSTSECONDARY GOVERNING BOARD IN THE STATE AND SHALL WORK WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO PROVIDE THE REPORT TO THE STATE'S PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICTS, THE COLORADO CHARTER SCHOOL INSTITUTE, AND COLORADO PRIVATE ELEMENTARY, MIDDLE, AND HIGH SCHOOLS.

(4) THIS SECTION IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016.

SECTION 2. Act subject to petition - effective date. This act takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly (August 8, 2012, if adjournment sine die is on May 9, 2012); except that, if a referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take effect unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in November 2012 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.

Approved: April 2, 2012