

CHAPTER 144

EDUCATION - POSTSECONDARY

SENATE BILL 14-114

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AN ACT

CONCERNING EXPANDING ACCESS FOR ALL STUDENTS TO COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY - GLOBAL CAMPUS.

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

SECTION 1. In Colorado Revised Statutes, **amend** 23-31.3-101 as follows:

23-31.3-101. University established - role and mission. (1) (a) There is hereby established an on-line university to be known as Colorado state university - global campus, referred to in this article as "CSU global campus". CSU global campus is a baccalaureate and graduate on-line university with the mission in Colorado of offering ~~upper division baccalaureate degree completion~~ programs for nontraditional students in partnership with the Colorado community college system and selected master-level graduate programs. FOR BACCALAUREATE DEGREE STUDENTS RESIDING IN COLORADO, CSU GLOBAL CAMPUS SHALL HAVE MODERATELY SELECTIVE ADMISSION STANDARDS. CSU GLOBAL CAMPUS SHALL NOT ADMIT FIRST-TIME FRESHMAN BACCALAUREATE STUDENTS WHO RESIDE IN COLORADO AND WHO ARE UNDER TWENTY-THREE YEARS OF AGE. CSU global campus shall comply with all applicable statutes and rules.

(b) CSU GLOBAL CAMPUS SHALL NOT OFFER ASSOCIATE OF ARTS, ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE, OR ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE DEGREES, BACHELOR OF APPLIED SCIENCE DEGREES, OR CAREER AND TECHNICAL CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS. ADDITIONALLY, CSU-GLOBAL CAMPUS WILL NOT OFFER CONCURRENT ENROLLMENT PROGRAMS, STATE-FUNDED SUPPLEMENTAL ACADEMIC INSTRUCTION, OR STATE-FUNDED BASIC SKILLS COURSES.

(2) (a) ON-LINE BACCALAUREATE DEGREE PROGRAMS THAT WILL BE OFFERED TO

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

STUDENTS RESIDING IN COLORADO AND THAT DID NOT EXIST PRIOR TO THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS SUBSECTION (2) ARE SUBJECT TO REVIEW AND APPROVAL BY THE COLORADO COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION. IN DETERMINING WHETHER TO APPROVE AN ON-LINE BACCALAUREATE DEGREE PROGRAM, THE COLORADO COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION SHALL CONSIDER:

(I) WHETHER THE PROGRAM IS IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE STATE OF COLORADO;

(II) WHETHER THE PROGRAM IS COST-EFFECTIVE FOR COLORADO STUDENTS; AND

(III) WHETHER THE PROGRAM IS SUFFICIENTLY DISTINGUISHABLE FROM AN EXISTING ON-LINE BACCALAUREATE DEGREE PROGRAM BEING DELIVERED BY A STATE FOUR-YEAR INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION, A STATE TWO-YEAR INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION, OR JOINTLY BY A STATE TWO-YEAR AND STATE FOUR-YEAR INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION.

(b) IN DETERMINING WHETHER TO APPROVE AN ON-LINE BACCALAUREATE DEGREE PROGRAM PURSUANT TO PARAGRAPH (a) OF THIS SUBSECTION (2), THE COLORADO COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION MAY CONSULT WITH OTHER STATE INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION.

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 6, 2014, if adjournment sine die is on May 7, 2014); 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 2014 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.

Approved: May 2, 2014