

**Student Leaders Institute**  
**SB23-086**

<https://leg.colorado.gov/bills/sb23-086>

Bill Status:

House Education Committee 2/15/23

Overview:

The Colorado Student Leadership Institute (COSLI) is a program for Colorado high school students to live at the University of Colorado Denver for the month of July, where they earn three hours of college credit majoring in either STEAM or International Social Studies, become young entrepreneurs, solve Colorado's most pressing issues, and complete a primary source-based project on the history of Colorado. 50% of the students are required to be free and reduced lunch eligible and/or first generation college students, and COSLI is “breaking cycles and allowing these students to earn a head start on a college career they might have otherwise felt was out of reach.”<sup>1</sup>

SB23-086 renews the COSLI program and changes responsibility for the program from the department of *higher education* to the department of *education*. The change shifts oversight of the program from a governor-appointed executive board to the state board of education.

Major Points:

- 1) Definitions -
  - a) Removes the definition of the “executive board” because the board is no longer needed
  - b) The “host institution” is the institute of higher education that the department of education (no longer the department of *higher education*) contracts with on behalf of the state board of education
- 2) Applications are made to the host institution, no longer the executive board
- 3) Removes the executive board and outlines the duties of the state board of education
- 4) The host institute will now select students to participate in COSLI, with at least half being students eligible for free or reduced lunch and/or would be the first in their family to attend an institute of higher education. Also, selected students must reside in areas throughout the state, represent gender, ethnic, racial, and socioeconomic diversity of the state, represent the education options throughout the state, and a commitment to post secondary education.
- 5) The host institute will collect data and report enrollment and student progress of alumni to the state board and education committees.
- 6) 50% of the DOE’s appropriated funds for COSLI can be rolled over to the next fiscal year until 7/1/24
- 7) Appropriation: \$8,184 and an additional 0.1 FTE to the DOE
- 8) The bill takes effect 7/1/23

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<sup>1</sup> <https://costudentleaders.org/about>