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HOUSE BILL 18-1086

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING ALLOWING COMMUNITY COLLEGES TO OFFER A
102 BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE IN NURSING.

Bill Summary

(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://leg.colorado.gov>.)

The bill allows a community college that is part of the state system of community and technical colleges to offer a bachelor of science degree in nursing.

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

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.
Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material to be added to existing statute.
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SENATE
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HOUSE
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HOUSE
Amended 2nd Reading
February 9, 2018

1 **SECTION 1. Legislative declaration.** It is the intent of the
2 general assembly to add to the role and mission of the state's community
3 colleges the creation of a bachelor of science in nursing completion
4 program that results in the awarding of a bachelor of science in nursing
5 degree to successful candidates. It is the further intent of the general
6 assembly that the state's community colleges comply with the
7 requirements for degree programs set forth in section 23-1-107.

8 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, amend 23-60-201 as
9 follows:

10 **23-60-201. State system of community and technical colleges**
11 **established - local district colleges - role and mission.** There is hereby
12 established a state system of community and technical colleges which
13 shall be THAT IS under the management and jurisdiction of the state board
14 for community colleges and occupational education. The mission of the
15 community colleges shall be IS to serve Colorado residents who reside in
16 their service areas by offering a broad range of general, personal, career,
17 and technical education programs, AS WELL AS BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN
18 NURSING COMPLETION PROGRAMS THAT RESULT IN THE AWARDING OF A
19 BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING DEGREE TO SUCCESSFUL CANDIDATES
20 PURSUANT TO SECTION 23-60-211 (5). Except as provided in section
21 23-60-211, each college shall MUST be a two-year college. Each
22 community college may offer two-year degree programs with or without
23 academic designation, and, upon approval of the board pursuant to section
24 23-60-211, may offer technical, career, and workforce development
25 bachelor of applied science degree programs. No A COMMUNITY college
26 shall NOT impose admission requirements upon any student. ADMISSION
27 TO A COMMUNITY COLLEGE DOES NOT GUARANTEE ENROLLMENT IN A

1 SPECIFIC PROGRAM THAT HAS PREREQUISITES. The objects of the
2 community and technical colleges shall be ARE to provide educational
3 programs to fill the occupational needs of youth and adults in career and
4 technical fields, two-year transfer educational programs to qualify
5 students for admission to the junior year at other colleges and universities,
6 basic skills, workforce development, and a broad range of personal and
7 career education for adults, and technical, career, and workforce
8 development bachelor of applied science degree programs established
9 pursuant to section 23-60-211, that address the needs of the community
10 within each community college service area.

11 **SECTION 3.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 23-60-211, **amend**
12 (4); and **add** (5) as follows:

13 **23-60-211. Degrees.** (4) Subject to the approval of the Colorado
14 commission on higher education pursuant to section 23-1-133, the board
15 may establish at community colleges within the state system technical,
16 career, and workforce development bachelor of applied science degree
17 programs. NOTWITHSTANDING THE PROVISIONS OF SUBSECTION (5) OF THIS
18 SECTION, nothing in this section shall be construed to allow for the
19 approval of bachelor of arts or bachelor of science degree programs.

20 (5) SUBJECT TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF SECTIONS 23-1-113.7 AND
21 23-1-107, AND NOTWITHSTANDING THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 23-1-133,
22 A COMMUNITY COLLEGE THAT IS PART OF THE STATE SYSTEM OF
23 COMMUNITY AND TECHNICAL COLLEGES ESTABLISHED AND GOVERNED BY
24 THIS PART 2 MAY, WITH BOARD APPROVAL, OFFER A BACHELOR OF SCIENCE
25 DEGREE IN NURSING AS A COMPLETION DEGREE TO STUDENTS WHO HAVE
26 OR ARE PURSUING AN ASSOCIATE DEGREE IN NURSING. IN CONSIDERING
27 WHETHER TO APPROVE A REQUEST BY A COMMUNITY _____ COLLEGE TO

1 OFFER A BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING AS A COMPLETION DEGREE,
2 THE BOARD SHALL CONSIDER STUDENT AND WORKFORCE DEMAND, COST
3 EFFECTIVENESS FOR THE STUDENTS, AND ACCREDITATION AND LICENSING
4 REQUIREMENTS. THE BOARD SHALL PROVIDE SUCH INFORMATION TO THE
5 COLORADO COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION AND SOLICIT THE
6 COMMISSION'S INPUT IN A JOINT MEETING OF THE BOARD AND THE
7 COMMISSION. A COMMUNITY _____ COLLEGE THAT IS SEEKING BOARD
8 APPROVAL SHALL PROVIDE THE BOARD WITH DATA REGARDING ITS
9 CURRENT PARTNERSHIPS WITH EXISTING BACHELOR OF SCIENCE NURSING
10 DEGREE PROGRAMS AND ITS PLANS TO CONTINUE SUCH PARTNERSHIPS. AT
11 LEAST NINETY DAYS PRIOR TO REQUESTING BOARD APPROVAL TO OFFER A
12 BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE IN NURSING AS A COMPLETION DEGREE,
13 THE COMMUNITY _____ COLLEGE SEEKING SUCH BOARD APPROVAL SHALL
14 PROVIDE NOTICE TO THE COLORADO COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION
15 AND ALL STATE PUBLIC AND NONPUBLIC INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER
16 EDUCATION.

17 **SECTION 4.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 23-1-113.7, add (6)
18 as follows:

19 **23-1-113.7. Commission directive - nursing programs -**
20 **employer-based gift and scholarship fund - legislative declaration -**
21 **reporting requirement.** (6) EACH STATE-SUPPORTED INSTITUTION OF
22 HIGHER EDUCATION THAT OFFERS A BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE IN
23 NURSING SHALL SUBMIT AN ANNUAL REPORT TO THE DEPARTMENT OF
24 HIGHER EDUCATION THAT INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

25 (a) THE NUMBER OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING DEGREES
26 AND THE NUMBER OF ASSOCIATE NURSING DEGREES, IF ANY, AWARDED;

27 (b) THE NUMBER OF NURSING PROGRAM GRADUATES WHO PASSED

1 THE STATE NURSING LICENSURE EXAMINATION; AND

2 (c) THE TOTAL TUITION FOR A STUDENT TO COMPLETE THE
3 STATE-SUPPORTED INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION'S BACHELOR OF
4 SCIENCE DEGREE IN NURSING PROGRAM.

5 **SECTION 5. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,
6 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate
7 preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.