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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING PROVISIONS THAT GOVERN THE OPERATIONS OF**
102 **STATE-SUPPORTED INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION.**

Bill Summary

(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not necessarily reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted.)

Modifies the role and mission of specified state-supported institutions of higher education.

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

2 **SECTION 1.** 23-20-101, Colorado Revised Statutes, is amended

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.
*Capital letters indicate new material to be added to existing statute.
Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.*

SENATE
2nd Reading Unamended
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1 to read:

2 **23-20-101. University of Colorado - role and mission - all**
3 **campuses.** (1) The role and mission of the several campuses of the
4 university of Colorado shall be as follows:

5 (a) The Boulder campus of the university of Colorado shall be a
6 comprehensive graduate research university with ~~high~~ SELECTIVE
7 admission standards. ~~which offers~~ THE BOULDER CAMPUS OF THE
8 UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO SHALL OFFER a comprehensive array of
9 undergraduate, MASTERS, AND DOCTORAL DEGREE programs. THE
10 BOULDER CAMPUS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO HAS EXCLUSIVE
11 AUTHORITY TO OFFER GRADUATE PROGRAMS IN LAW. The Colorado
12 commission on higher education, ~~shall, after consultation with the board~~
13 ~~of regents, further define the role and mission of the institution and~~
14 ~~establish as great a distinction among the graduate offerings at the~~
15 ~~Boulder campus of the university of Colorado, Colorado state university,~~
16 ~~and the university of northern Colorado as is in its judgment~~
17 ~~educationally, geographically, and economically appropriate~~ IN
18 CONSULTATION WITH THE BOARD OF REGENTS, SHALL DESIGNATE THOSE
19 GRADUATE LEVEL PROGRAMS THAT ARE THE PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY OF
20 THE BOULDER CAMPUS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO. ~~The board of~~
21 ~~regents shall adhere to this further definition of role and mission.~~ The
22 university has the responsibility to provide on a statewide basis, utilizing
23 when possible and appropriate the faculty and facilities of other
24 educational institutions, those graduate level programs. ~~designated by the~~
25 ~~commission as primarily its statewide responsibility.~~ The commission
26 shall include in its funding recommendations a level of general fund
27 support for these programs.

1 (b) The Denver campus of the university of Colorado shall be a
2 AN URBAN comprehensive ~~baccalaureate liberal arts and sciences~~
3 ~~institution~~ UNDERGRADUATE AND GRADUATE RESEARCH UNIVERSITY with
4 ~~high~~ SELECTIVE admission standards. The Denver campus shall ~~provide~~
5 ~~selected professional programs and such graduate programs at the~~ OFFER
6 BACCALAUREATE, masters, and A LIMITED NUMBER OF doctoral ~~level~~
7 DEGREE PROGRAMS, ~~as will~~ EMPHASIZING THOSE THAT serve the needs of
8 the Denver metropolitan area. ~~emphasizing those professional programs~~
9 ~~not offered by other institutions of higher education.~~ THE DENVER
10 CAMPUS HAS STATEWIDE AUTHORITY TO OFFER GRADUATE PROGRAMS IN
11 PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION AND EXCLUSIVE AUTHORITY IN ARCHITECTURE
12 AND PLANNING.

13 (c) The Colorado Springs campus of the university of Colorado
14 shall be a comprehensive baccalaureate ~~liberal arts and sciences~~
15 ~~institution~~ UNIVERSITY with selective admission standards. The Colorado
16 Springs campus shall ~~provide selected professional programs and such~~
17 ~~graduate programs as will serve the needs of the Colorado Springs~~
18 ~~metropolitan area, emphasizing those professional programs not offered~~
19 ~~by other institutions of higher education~~ OFFER LIBERAL ARTS AND
20 SCIENCES, BUSINESS, ENGINEERING, HEALTH SCIENCES, AND TEACHER
21 PREPARATION UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE PROGRAMS, AND A SELECTED
22 NUMBER OF MASTERS AND DOCTORAL DEGREE PROGRAMS.

23 (d) The HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER campus of the university of
24 Colorado ~~associated with the university of Colorado university hospital~~
25 ~~shall be a specialized professional institution offering~~ SHALL OFFER
26 SPECIALIZED baccalaureate, ~~and graduate~~ FIRST-PROFESSIONAL, MASTERS,
27 AND DOCTORAL DEGREE programs in health-related disciplines and

1 professions. IT SHALL BE AFFILIATED WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF
2 COLORADO HOSPITAL AND OTHER HEALTH CARE FACILITIES THAT OFFER
3 SETTINGS FOR EDUCATION, CLINICAL PRACTICE, AND BASIC AND APPLIED
4 RESEARCH. IT SHALL HAVE EXCLUSIVE AUTHORITY IN MEDICINE,
5 DENTISTRY, PHARMACY, AND PHYSICAL THERAPY.

6 **SECTION 2.** 23-31-101, Colorado Revised Statutes, is amended
7 to read:

8 **23-31-101. University established - role and mission.** There is
9 hereby established a university at Fort Collins to be known as Colorado
10 state university. Colorado state university shall be a comprehensive
11 graduate research university with ~~high~~ SELECTIVE admission standards
12 offering a comprehensive array of ~~undergraduate~~ BACCALAUREATE,
13 MASTERS, AND DOCTORAL DEGREE programs consistent with the tradition
14 of land grant universities. COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY HAS EXCLUSIVE
15 AUTHORITY TO OFFER GRADUATE AND UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS IN
16 AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY, NATURAL RESOURCES, AND VETERINARY
17 MEDICINE. The Colorado commission on higher education, ~~shall, after~~
18 ~~consultation with the board of governors of the Colorado state university~~
19 ~~system, further define the role and mission of the institution and establish~~
20 ~~as great a distinction among the graduate offerings at the Boulder campus~~
21 ~~of the university of Colorado, Colorado state university, and the~~
22 ~~university of northern Colorado as is in its judgment educationally,~~
23 ~~geographically, and economically appropriate.~~ IN CONSULTATION WITH
24 THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM,
25 SHALL DESIGNATE THOSE GRADUATE LEVEL PROGRAMS THAT ARE THE
26 PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY OF COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY. ~~The~~
27 ~~governing board shall adhere to this further definition of role and mission.~~

1 Colorado state university has the responsibility to provide on a statewide
2 basis, utilizing when possible and appropriate the faculty and facilities of
3 other educational institutions, those graduate level programs. ~~designated~~
4 ~~by the commission as primarily its statewide responsibility.~~ The
5 commission shall include in its funding recommendations a level of
6 general fund support for these programs.

7 **SECTION 3.** 23-40-101, Colorado Revised Statutes, is amended
8 to read:

9 **23-40-101. University established - role and mission.** There is
10 hereby established a university at Greeley, to be known as the university
11 of northern Colorado. The university of northern Colorado shall be a
12 ~~general~~ COMPREHENSIVE baccalaureate and specialized graduate research
13 university with selective ~~admissions~~ ADMISSION standards. The university
14 shall be the primary institution for undergraduate and graduate ~~teacher~~
15 ~~education~~ DEGREE PROGRAMS FOR EDUCATIONAL PERSONNEL
16 PREPARATION in the state of Colorado. The university shall offer masters
17 and doctoral programs primarily in the field of education. ~~The Colorado~~
18 ~~commission on higher education shall, after consultation with the~~
19 ~~governing board, further define the role and mission of the institution and~~
20 ~~establish as great a distinction among the graduate offerings at the~~
21 ~~Boulder campus of the university of Colorado, Colorado state university,~~
22 ~~and the university of northern Colorado as is in its judgment~~
23 ~~educationally, geographically, and economically appropriate.~~ ~~The~~
24 ~~governing board shall adhere to this further definition of role and mission.~~
25 The university of northern Colorado has the responsibility to ~~provide~~
26 OFFER on a statewide basis, utilizing where possible and appropriate the
27 faculty and facilities of other educational institutions, those graduate level

1 programs needed by professional educators and education administrators.
2 The commission shall include in its funding recommendations an
3 appropriate level of general fund support for those programs.

4 **SECTION 4.** 23-60-201, Colorado Revised Statutes, is amended
5 to read:

6 **23-60-201. State system of community colleges established -**
7 **local district colleges - role and mission.** There is hereby established a
8 state system of community and technical colleges which shall be under
9 the management and jurisdiction of the state board for community
10 colleges and occupational education. ~~Each college shall be a two-year~~
11 ~~institution~~ THE MISSION OF THE COMMUNITY COLLEGES SHALL BE TO
12 SERVE COLORADO RESIDENTS WHO RESIDE IN THEIR SERVICE AREAS BY
13 offering a broad range of general, personal, vocational, and technical
14 education programs. EACH COLLEGE SHALL BE A TWO-YEAR COLLEGE.
15 No college shall impose admission requirements upon any student. The
16 objects of the community and technical colleges shall be to provide
17 educational programs to fill the occupational needs of youth and adults
18 in technical and vocational fields, ~~to provide~~ two-year transfer
19 educational programs to qualify students for admission to the junior year
20 at other colleges and universities, BASIC SKILLS, WORKFORCE
21 DEVELOPMENT, and ~~to provide~~ a broad range of programs of personal and
22 vocational education for adults.

23 **SECTION 5.** 23-60-205, Colorado Revised Statutes, is amended
24 to read:

25 **23-60-205. Community and technical colleges.** The state system
26 of community and technical colleges shall include: Arapahoe community
27 college, COLORADO NORTHWESTERN COMMUNITY COLLEGE, the

1 community college of Aurora, the community college of Denver, Front
2 Range community college, Lamar community college, Morgan
3 community college, NORTHEASTERN JUNIOR COLLEGE, Otero junior
4 college, Pikes Peak community college, Pueblo community college, Red
5 Rocks community college, Trinidad state junior college, and Colorado
6 community college and occupational education system college. ~~any local
7 district community college which joins the state system pursuant to part
8 2 of article 71 of this title; and any other such college created by the
9 general assembly.~~ The state system of community and technical colleges
10 shall be governed by the state board for community colleges and
11 occupational education. ~~Any college in the system may withdraw
12 pursuant to section 23-71-205.~~

13 **SECTION 6.** Article 72 of title 23, Colorado Revised Statutes,
14 is amended BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION to read:

15 **23-72-121.5. District colleges - role and mission.** AIMS
16 COMMUNITY COLLEGE AND COLORADO MOUNTAIN COLLEGE SHALL BE
17 TWO-YEAR LOCAL DISTRICT COLLEGES WITH OPEN ADMISSION STANDARDS.
18 EACH COLLEGE'S MISSION SHALL BE TO SERVE COLORADO RESIDENTS IN
19 THE COLLEGE'S RESPECTIVE DESIGNATED SERVICE AREA BY OFFERING
20 ACADEMIC TWO-YEAR DEGREES, BASIC SKILLS, VOCATIONAL PROGRAMS,
21 WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT, AND A BROAD RANGE OF COURSES FOR
22 PROFESSIONAL AND PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT.

23 **SECTION 7. Effective date.** This act shall take effect July 1,
24 2003.

25 **SECTION 8. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,
26 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate
27 preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.