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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING CREDENTIALING FOR OCCUPATIONAL EDUCATION  
102 TEACHERS.

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Bill Summary

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

**Legislative Audit Committee.** Retains authority in the state board for community colleges and occupational education ("state board") for establishing minimum qualifications necessary for teachers and other professionals in occupational education at both the secondary and postsecondary levels. Places with the state board the authority for issuing credentials, including establishing and charging fees, for postsecondary occupational education teachers and professionals, but allows the state

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.*

board to delegate to a postsecondary institution the authority to issue the credentials. Retains in the department of education the authority for issuing credentials, including establishing and charging fees, for junior high school, middle school, and high school occupational education teachers and professionals. Authorizes the department of education to enter into a memorandum of understanding with the state board to allow the state board for one year to issue credentials to secondary-level teachers and professionals.

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

2           **SECTION 1.** Part 1 of article 2 of title 22, Colorado Revised  
3 Statutes, is amended BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION to  
4 read:

5           **22-2-132. Department of education - career and technical**  
6 **education credential - rules.** (1) IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE STATE  
7 PLANS FOR OCCUPATIONAL EDUCATION ADOPTED BY THE STATE BOARD  
8 FOR COMMUNITY COLLEGES AND OCCUPATIONAL EDUCATION, PURSUANT  
9 TO SECTION 23-60-304, C.R.S., THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ISSUE  
10 CREDENTIALS TO TEACHERS OF OCCUPATIONAL SUBJECTS,  
11 TEACHER-TRAINERS, SUPERVISORS, DIRECTORS, OCCUPATIONAL  
12 COUNSELING SPECIALISTS, AND OTHERS HAVING RESPONSIBILITIES IN  
13 CONNECTION WITH OCCUPATIONAL EDUCATION AT THE SECONDARY LEVEL.  
14 PRIOR TO ISSUING A CREDENTIAL PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION, THE  
15 DEPARTMENT SHALL DETERMINE THAT THE PERSON APPLYING FOR THE  
16 CREDENTIAL MEETS THE MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS ESTABLISHED BY THE  
17 STATE BOARD FOR COMMUNITY COLLEGES AND OCCUPATIONAL  
18 EDUCATION PURSUANT TO SECTION 23-60-304 (3) (a), C.R.S. A PERSON  
19 WHO IS REQUIRED BY LAW TO OBTAIN AN EDUCATOR LICENSE OR  
20 AUTHORIZATION PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 60.5 OF THIS TITLE MAY OBTAIN  
21 A CREDENTIAL PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION IN ADDITION TO, BUT NOT IN

1 LIEU OF, THE REQUIRED EDUCATOR LICENSE OR AUTHORIZATION.

2 (2) NOTWITHSTANDING THE PROVISIONS OF SUBSECTION (1) OF  
3 THIS SECTION, THE DEPARTMENT MAY ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF  
4 UNDERSTANDING WITH THE STATE BOARD FOR COMMUNITY COLLEGES AND  
5 OCCUPATIONAL EDUCATION PURSUANT TO WHICH THE STATE BOARD FOR  
6 COMMUNITY COLLEGES AND OCCUPATIONAL EDUCATION, PRIOR TO JULY  
7 1, 2009, MAY ISSUE CREDENTIALS TO TEACHERS OF OCCUPATIONAL  
8 SUBJECTS, TEACHER-TRAINERS, SUPERVISORS, DIRECTORS, OCCUPATIONAL  
9 COUNSELING SPECIALISTS, AND OTHERS HAVING RESPONSIBILITIES IN  
10 CONNECTION WITH OCCUPATIONAL EDUCATION AT THE SECONDARY LEVEL  
11 AS PROVIDED IN THIS SECTION.

12 (3) THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION SHALL PROMULGATE SUCH  
13 RULES AS MAY BE NECESSARY FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS SECTION.  
14 AT A MINIMUM, THE RULES SHALL ESTABLISH THE AMOUNT OF AND  
15 PROCEDURES FOR THE DEPARTMENT TO COLLECT A FEE FOR THE ISSUANCE  
16 OF A CREDENTIAL PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION AND SECTION 22-60.5-112.

17 **SECTION 2.** 23-60-304 (3), Colorado Revised Statutes, is  
18 amended to read:

19 **23-60-304. Plans - development and implementation -**  
20 **credentialing - fees.** (3) (a) The state plans FOR OCCUPATIONAL  
21 EDUCATION shall include provisions relating to the training of teachers  
22 and administrators of occupational subjects and programs, and the board  
23 shall take steps to implement ~~such~~ THESE provisions. The board shall also  
24 establish minimum qualifications necessary for teachers of occupational  
25 subjects, teacher-trainers, supervisors, directors, occupational counseling  
26 specialists, and others having responsibilities in connection with  
27 occupational education AT BOTH THE SECONDARY AND POSTSECONDARY

1 LEVELS and shall certify ~~the same~~ THESE QUALIFICATIONS to the  
2 department of education.

3 (b) CREDENTIALS TO TEACH AN OCCUPATIONAL SUBJECT OR  
4 PROGRAM SHALL BE ISSUED AS FOLLOWS:

5 (I) THE BOARD SHALL ISSUE A CREDENTIAL TO A PERSON SPECIFIED  
6 IN THIS SUBSECTION (3) WHO TEACHES AN OCCUPATIONAL SUBJECT OR  
7 PROGRAM AT THE POSTSECONDARY LEVEL AND WHO MEETS THE  
8 ESTABLISHED MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS; EXCEPT THAT THE BOARD MAY  
9 DELEGATE TO A POSTSECONDARY INSTITUTION THE AUTHORITY TO ISSUE  
10 THE CREDENTIAL. THE BOARD SHALL ESTABLISH AND CHARGE FEES, FOR  
11 THE ISSUANCE OF A CREDENTIAL ISSUED PURSUANT TO THIS  
12 SUBPARAGRAPH (I). THE AMOUNT OF THE FEE SHALL BE DETERMINED BY  
13 THE BOARD ON THE BASIS OF THE DIRECT AND INDIRECT COST OF  
14 PROVIDING THE SERVICE. IF A POSTSECONDARY INSTITUTION ISSUES A  
15 CREDENTIAL, THAT POSTSECONDARY INSTITUTION MAY CHARGE THE FEE  
16 ESTABLISHED BY THE BOARD.

17 (II) The department of education shall ~~provide for the issuance of~~  
18 ~~certificates or other types of authorizations to the persons~~ ISSUE A  
19 CREDENTIAL TO A PERSON specified in this subsection (3) who ~~meet those~~  
20 HAS RESPONSIBILITY FOR AN OCCUPATIONAL SUBJECT OR PROGRAM AT THE  
21 SECONDARY LEVEL AND WHO MEETS THE minimum qualifications  
22 ESTABLISHED BY THE BOARD. THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION SHALL  
23 ESTABLISH AND CHARGE FEES PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 22-2-132 AND  
24 22-60.5-112, C.R.S., FOR THE ISSUANCE OF A CREDENTIAL PURSUANT TO  
25 THIS SUBPARAGRAPH (II).

26 **SECTION 3. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,

- 1 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate
- 2 preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.