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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING THE AUTHORITY OF CERTAIN INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER**
102 **EDUCATION TO INVEST MONEYS.**

Bill Summary

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

Allows the secretary and treasurer of Mesa state college to also be members of the board of trustees of Mesa state college ("Mesa state board"). Allows the Mesa state board to invest the assets of the college. Requires the Mesa state board to establish an investment advisory committee and a written investment policy if the board elects to invest the assets of the college. Under certain conditions, authorizes the Mesa state board to hold certificates of stock in the name of a selected nominee

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.

without disclosing the fact that the certificates are held by the Mesa state board or are held in a fiduciary capacity.

Grants to the board of governors of the Colorado state university system ("CSU board") exclusive control and direction of all funds of and appropriations to its institutions. Requires the CSU board to establish an investment advisory committee and a written investment policy if the board elects to invest the assets of the Colorado state university system. Under certain conditions, authorizes the CSU board to hold certificates of stock in the name of a selected nominee without disclosing the fact that the certificates are held by the CSU board or are held in a fiduciary capacity.

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

2 **SECTION 1.** 23-53-102 (1) (b), Colorado Revised Statutes, is
3 amended to read:

4 **23-53-102. Board of trustees - creation - members - powers -**
5 **duties.** (1) (b) The board of trustees and its successors shall have
6 perpetual succession, shall have a seal, may make bylaws and regulations
7 for the well-ordering and governance of Mesa state college, and may
8 conduct the business of the college in a manner not repugnant to the
9 constitution and laws of this state. The board of trustees shall elect from
10 the appointed members a chairperson, whose duties and responsibilities
11 shall be prescribed in the duly adopted bylaws of the board of trustees.
12 The board of trustees shall also elect a secretary and a treasurer, who ~~are~~
13 ~~not~~ MAY BE members of the board and whose duties and responsibilities
14 shall be prescribed in the duly adopted bylaws of the board of trustees.
15 The staff of Mesa state college shall provide staff support for the board
16 of trustees.

17 **SECTION 2.** 23-53-103 (1), Colorado Revised Statutes, is
18 amended, and the said 23-53-103 is further amended BY THE
19 ADDITION OF A NEW SUBSECTION, to read:

1 **23-53-103. Board of trustees for Mesa state college fund -**
2 **creation - control - use.** (1) There is created in the state treasury the
3 board of trustees for Mesa state college fund, referred to in this section as
4 the "fund", which shall be under the control of and administered by the
5 board of trustees in accordance with the provisions of this article. ~~Except~~
6 ~~as otherwise allowed by state law, including but not limited to section~~
7 ~~24-36-103 (2), C.R.S., all~~ THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES SHALL HAVE
8 AUTHORITY AND RESPONSIBILITY FOR ALL MONEYS OF THE BOARD OF
9 TRUSTEES AND OF MESA STATE COLLEGE. THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES SHALL
10 DESIGNATE, PURSUANT TO ITS STATUTORY AUTHORITY, THOSE moneys
11 received or acquired by the board of trustees or by Mesa state college,
12 ~~shall be deposited in the fund,~~ whether received by appropriation, grant,
13 contract, or gift or by sale or lease of surplus real or personal property or
14 by any other means, whose disposition is not otherwise provided for by
15 law, THAT SHALL BE CREDITED TO THE FUND. All interest and income
16 derived from the deposit and investment of moneys in the fund shall be
17 credited to the fund. The moneys in the fund are hereby continuously
18 appropriated to the board of trustees and shall remain in the fund UNDER
19 THE CONTROL OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES and shall not be transferred or
20 revert to the general fund of the state at the end of a fiscal year.

21 (4) IF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES VOTES TO INVEST MESA STATE
22 COLLEGE'S ASSETS PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 23-53-103.3 AND 23-53-103.4,
23 THE BOARD SHALL ESTABLISH AN INVESTMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE
24 CONSISTING OF AT LEAST FIVE MEMBERS TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO
25 THE BOARD REGARDING INVESTMENTS. THE INVESTMENT ADVISORY
26 COMMITTEE, AT A MINIMUM, SHALL INCLUDE THE MESA STATE COLLEGE
27 TREASURER, A MEMBER OF THE BOARD, AND THREE REPRESENTATIVES

1 FROM THE FINANCIAL COMMUNITY.

2 **SECTION 3.** Article 53 of title 23, Colorado Revised Statutes, is
3 amended BY THE ADDITION OF THE FOLLOWING NEW
4 SECTIONS to read:

5 **23-53-103.3. Investments in consolidated funds.** UNLESS
6 OTHERWISE RESTRAINED BY THE TERMS OF A WILL, TRUST AGREEMENT, OR
7 OTHER INSTRUMENT OF GIFT, THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES IS AUTHORIZED TO
8 HOLD INVESTMENTS IN ONE OR MORE CONSOLIDATED INVESTMENT FUNDS
9 IN WHICH THE PARTICIPATING TRUSTS OR ACCOUNTS HAVE UNDIVIDED
10 INTERESTS.

11 **23-53-103.4. Corporate stock in name of nominee authorized.**

12 (1) IN ORDER TO FACILITATE THE INVESTMENT, REINVESTMENT, SALE,
13 AND DISPOSITION OF CORPORATE STOCKS, THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES IS
14 AUTHORIZED TO HOLD CERTIFICATES OF STOCK IN THE NAME OF A
15 NOMINEE OF ITS SELECTION WITHOUT DISCLOSING THE FACT THAT THE
16 CERTIFICATES ARE HELD BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OR ARE HELD IN A
17 FIDUCIARY CAPACITY IF:

18 (a) THE RECORDS OF THE BOARD AND ALL REPORTS OR ACCOUNTS
19 RENDERED BY IT CLEARLY SHOW THE OWNERSHIP OF THE STOCK BY THE
20 BOARD AND THE FACTS REGARDING THE BOARD'S HOLDING; AND

21 (b) THE NOMINEE DEPOSITS WITH THE BOARD A SIGNED
22 STATEMENT SHOWING THE TRUST OWNERSHIP, ENDORSES THE STOCK
23 CERTIFICATE IN BLANK, AND DOES NOT HAVE POSSESSION OF OR ACCESS TO
24 THE STOCK CERTIFICATE EXCEPT UNDER THE IMMEDIATE SUPERVISION OF
25 THE TREASURER OF MESA STATE COLLEGE OR ANOTHER PERSON THAT THE
26 BOARD OF TRUSTEES HAS DESIGNATED.

27 (2) THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES SHALL MAINTAIN A LIST OF

1 CERTIFICATES OF STOCK HELD IN THE NAMES OF NOMINEES PURSUANT TO
2 THIS SECTION AND SHALL MAKE THE LIST AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC
3 INSPECTION DURING NORMAL BUSINESS HOURS.

4 (3) THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES SHALL REPORT TO THE JOINT BUDGET
5 COMMITTEE OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AT EACH REGULAR SESSION
6 REGARDING THE INVESTMENTS MADE AND THE INTEREST DERIVED
7 THEREFROM UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION AND SECTION
8 23-53-103.3.

9 **23-53-103.6. Investment policy - fiduciary responsibility.**

10 (1) IF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES VOTES TO INVEST MESA STATE COLLEGE'S
11 ASSETS PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 23-53-103.3 AND 23-53-103.4, THEN THE
12 BOARD OF TRUSTEES SHALL ANNUALLY DEVELOP A WRITTEN INVESTMENT
13 POLICY FOR MESA STATE COLLEGE, WHICH POLICY SHALL INCLUDE A
14 DESCRIPTION OF THE AMOUNT OF THE COLLEGE'S ASSETS THAT WILL BE
15 INVESTED AND THE AMOUNT OF THE COLLEGE'S ASSETS THAT WILL BE
16 RETAINED AS LIQUID ASSETS FOR CASH-FLOW PURPOSES. THE WRITTEN
17 INVESTMENT POLICY SHALL INCLUDE AN ACKNOWLEDGMENT BY THE
18 BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE BOARD'S FIDUCIARY RESPONSIBILITY WITH
19 RESPECT TO OVERSIGHT OF THE INVESTMENT POLICY OF MESA STATE
20 COLLEGE.

21 (2) IN SELECTING INVESTMENT ADVISORS FOR THE PURPOSES OF
22 THIS SECTION, THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES SHALL USE AN OPEN AND
23 COMPETITIVE PROCESS.

24 (3) IF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES VOTES TO INVEST MONEYS
25 PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 23-53-103.3 AND 23-53-103.4, THE BOARD SHALL
26 REQUIRE ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS CONCERNING THE INVESTMENT
27 EARNINGS OF MESA STATE COLLEGE TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE BOARD OF

1 TRUSTEES, THE STATE TREASURER, THE STATE AUDITOR, AND THE JOINT
2 BUDGET COMMITTEE OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

3 (4) MESA STATE COLLEGE SHALL NOT REQUEST FROM THE
4 GENERAL ASSEMBLY ANY GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS TO REPLACE
5 ANY LOSSES INCURRED DUE TO INVESTMENT ACTIVITIES CONDUCTED BY
6 THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 23-53-103.3 AND
7 23-53-103.4.

8 **SECTION 4.** 23-30-105 (2), Colorado Revised Statutes, is
9 repealed.

10 **SECTION 5.** 23-30-106 (1), Colorado Revised Statutes, is
11 amended, and the said 23-30-106 is further amended BY THE
12 ADDITION OF A NEW SUBSECTION, to read:

13 **23-30-106. Board of governors of the Colorado state university**
14 **system fund - creation - control - use.** (1) There is hereby created in
15 the state treasury the board of governors of the Colorado state university
16 system fund which shall be under the control of and administered by the
17 board of governors of the Colorado state university system in accordance
18 with the provisions of this article. ~~Except as otherwise allowed by section~~
19 ~~24-36-103 (2), C.R.S., all~~ THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS SHALL HAVE
20 AUTHORITY AND RESPONSIBILITY FOR ALL MONEYS OF THE BOARD OF
21 GOVERNORS AND ANY ENTITY GOVERNED BY IT. THE BOARD OF
22 GOVERNORS SHALL DESIGNATE, PURSUANT TO ITS STATUTORY AUTHORITY,
23 THOSE moneys received or acquired by the board of governors of the
24 Colorado state university system or any of the entities it governs, whether
25 by appropriation, grant, contract, or gift, by sale or lease of surplus real
26 or personal property, or by any other means, whose disposition is not
27 otherwise provided for by law, ~~and~~ THAT SHALL BE CREDITED TO THE

1 FUND. All interest derived from the deposit and investment of moneys in
2 the fund shall be credited to the fund. The moneys in the fund are hereby
3 continuously appropriated to the board of governors of the Colorado state
4 university system and shall remain in the fund UNDER THE CONTROL OF
5 THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS and shall not be transferred or revert to the
6 general fund of the state at the end of any fiscal year.

7 (4) IF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS VOTES TO INVEST MONEYS
8 PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 23-30-121 AND 23-30-122, THE BOARD OF
9 GOVERNORS SHALL ESTABLISH AN INVESTMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE
10 CONSISTING OF AT LEAST FIVE MEMBERS TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO
11 THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS REGARDING INVESTMENTS. THE INVESTMENT
12 ADVISORY COMMITTEE SHALL INCLUDE, AT A MINIMUM, THE TREASURER
13 OF THE COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM, A MEMBER OF THE BOARD
14 OF GOVERNORS, AND THREE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE FINANCIAL
15 COMMUNITY.

16 **SECTION 6.** Article 30 of title 23, Colorado Revised Statutes, is
17 amended BY THE ADDITION OF THE FOLLOWING NEW
18 SECTIONS to read:

19 **23-30-121. Investments in consolidated funds.** UNLESS
20 OTHERWISE RESTRAINED BY THE TERMS OF A WILL, TRUST AGREEMENT, OR
21 OTHER INSTRUMENT OF GIFT, THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE
22 COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM MAY HOLD INVESTMENTS IN ONE
23 OR MORE CONSOLIDATED INVESTMENT FUNDS IN WHICH THE
24 PARTICIPATING TRUSTS OR ACCOUNTS HAVE UNDIVIDED INTERESTS.

25 **23-30-122. Corporate stock in nominee authorized.** (1) IN
26 ORDER TO FACILITATE THE INVESTMENT, REINVESTMENT, SALE, AND
27 DISPOSITION OF CORPORATE STOCKS, THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE

1 COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM , REFERRED TO IN THIS SECTION AS
2 THE "BOARD", IS AUTHORIZED TO HOLD CERTIFICATES OF STOCK IN THE
3 NAME OF A NOMINEE OF ITS SELECTION WITHOUT DISCLOSING THE FACT
4 THAT THE CERTIFICATES ARE HELD BY THE BOARD OR ARE HELD IN A
5 FIDUCIARY CAPACITY IF:

6 (a) THE RECORDS OF THE BOARD AND ALL REPORTS OR ACCOUNTS
7 RENDERED BY IT CLEARLY SHOW THE OWNERSHIP OF THE STOCK BY THE
8 BOARD AND THE FACTS REGARDING THE BOARD'S HOLDINGS; AND

9 (b) THE NOMINEE DEPOSITS WITH THE BOARD A SIGNED
10 STATEMENT SHOWING THE TRUST OWNERSHIP, ENDORSES THE STOCK
11 CERTIFICATE IN BLANK, AND DOES NOT HAVE POSSESSION OF OR ACCESS TO
12 THE STOCK CERTIFICATE EXCEPT UNDER THE IMMEDIATE SUPERVISION OF
13 THE TREASURER OF THE COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OR
14 ANOTHER PERSON THAT THE BOARD HAS DESIGNATED.

15 (2) THE BOARD SHALL MAINTAIN A LIST OF CERTIFICATES OF STOCK
16 HELD IN THE NAMES OF NOMINEES PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION AND SHALL
17 MAKE THE LIST AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION DURING NORMAL
18 BUSINESS HOURS.

19 (3) THE BOARD SHALL REPORT TO THE JOINT BUDGET COMMITTEE
20 OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AT EACH REGULAR SESSION REGARDING THE
21 INVESTMENTS MADE AND THE INTEREST DERIVED THEREFROM UNDER THE
22 PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION AND SECTION 23-30-121.

23 **23-30-123. Investment policy - fiduciary responsibility.** (1) IF
24 THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS VOTES TO INVEST ASSETS OF THE COLORADO
25 STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 23-30-121 AND
26 23-30-122, THE BOARD SHALL ANNUALLY DEVELOP A WRITTEN
27 INVESTMENT POLICY FOR THE COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM,

1 WHICH POLICY SHALL INCLUDE A DESCRIPTION OF THE AMOUNT OF THE
2 SYSTEM'S ASSETS THAT WILL BE INVESTED AND THE AMOUNT OF THE
3 SYSTEM'S ASSETS THAT WILL BE RETAINED AS LIQUID ASSETS FOR
4 CASH-FLOW PURPOSES. THE WRITTEN INVESTMENT POLICY SHALL INCLUDE
5 AN ACKNOWLEDGMENT BY THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE BOARD'S
6 FIDUCIARY RESPONSIBILITY WITH RESPECT TO OVERSIGHT OF THE
7 INVESTMENT POLICY OF THE SYSTEM.

8 (2) IN SELECTING INVESTMENT ADVISORS FOR THE PURPOSES OF
9 THIS SECTION, THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS SHALL USE AN OPEN AND
10 COMPETITIVE PROCESS.

11 (3) IF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS VOTES TO INVEST ASSETS OF THE
12 COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 23-30-121
13 AND 23-30-122, THE BOARD SHALL REQUIRE ANNUAL FINANCIAL
14 STATEMENTS CONCERNING THE INVESTMENT EARNINGS OF THE COLORADO
15 STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE BOARD OF
16 GOVERNORS, THE STATE TREASURER, THE STATE AUDITOR, AND THE JOINT
17 BUDGET COMMITTEE OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

18 (4) THE COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM SHALL NOT
19 REQUEST FROM THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ANY GENERAL FUND
20 APPROPRIATIONS TO REPLACE ANY LOSSES INCURRED DUE TO INVESTMENT
21 ACTIVITIES CONDUCTED BY THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS PURSUANT TO
22 SECTIONS 23-30-121 AND 23-30-122.

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