

**First Regular Session
Seventieth General Assembly
STATE OF COLORADO**

PREAMENDED

*This Unofficial Version Includes Committee
Amendments Not Yet Adopted on Second Reading*

LLS NO. 15-0759.02 Julie Pelegrin x2700

HOUSE BILL 15-1275

HOUSE SPONSORSHIP

Winter,

SENATE SPONSORSHIP

Heath and Marble, Todd

House Committees

Business Affairs and Labor
Appropriations

Senate Committees

A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING MEASURES TO SUPPORT ENROLLMENT IN CAREER AND**
102 **TECHNICAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS, AND, IN CONNECTION**
103 **THEREWITH, MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.**

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://www.leg.state.co.us/bills summaries>.)

The bill clarifies that a local education provider may include course work related to apprenticeship programs and internship programs in the programs that are available for concurrent enrollment. The bill directs the concurrent enrollment advisory board (advisory board) to collaborate with persons from the department of education, the

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.*

department of labor and employment, the community college system, the local district junior colleges, area vocational schools, and the Colorado work force development council to create recommendations to assist local education providers in creating cooperative agreements to include apprenticeship programs and internship programs in the available concurrent enrollment programs. The annual report that the department of education prepares concerning concurrent enrollment must include information concerning enrollment in courses related to apprenticeship programs and internship programs.

The bill directs the Colorado commission on higher education to create a tuition assistance program for students who meet the income eligibility requirements for a Pell grant but do not qualify for the grant because the career and technical education certificate program in which they are enrolled does not meet the Pell grant's minimum credit hour requirements.

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-35-103, **amend**
3 (1) and (6) (a); and **add** (1.5) as follows:

4 **22-35-103. Definitions.** As used in this article, unless the context
5 otherwise requires:

6 (1) ~~"ASCENT program" means the accelerating students through~~
7 ~~concurrent enrollment program created in section 22-35-108~~

8 "APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM" MEANS A COLORADO-BASED
9 APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM THAT IS REGISTERED WITH THE UNITED STATES
10 DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, OFFICE OF APPRENTICESHIP AND TRAINING.

11 (1.5) "ASCENT PROGRAM" MEANS THE ACCELERATING STUDENTS
12 THROUGH CONCURRENT ENROLLMENT PROGRAM CREATED IN SECTION
13 22-35-108.

14 (6) (a) "Concurrent enrollment" means the simultaneous
15 enrollment of a qualified student in a local education provider and in one
16 or more postsecondary courses, including academic or career and
17 technical education courses, WHICH MAY INCLUDE COURSE WORK RELATED

1 TO APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAMS OR INTERNSHIP PROGRAMS, at an
2 institution of higher education pursuant to the provisions of this article.

3 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-35-104, **amend**
4 (1) (b), (1) (d), (1) (e), (5), (6) (a), (6) (b) introductory portion, (6) (b)
5 (VII), (6) (c), (13), and (14) as follows:

6 **22-35-104. Enrollment in an institution of higher education -**
7 **cooperative agreement.** (1) (b) Each local education provider shall
8 annually notify all students and parents or legal guardians of students
9 enrolled in the local education provider of the opportunity for concurrent
10 enrollment by qualified students in postsecondary courses, including
11 academic courses and career and technical education courses, WHICH MAY
12 INCLUDE COURSE WORK RELATED TO APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAMS AND
13 INTERNSHIP PROGRAMS.

14 (d) Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph (a) of this
15 subsection (1), if a qualified student is not a participant in the ASCENT
16 program and has not satisfied the minimum requirements for graduation
17 established by his or her local education provider by the end of his or her
18 twelfth-grade year and is therefore retained by the local education
19 provider for additional instruction, the qualified student shall not
20 concurrently enroll in postsecondary courses, including academic or
21 career and technical education courses, WHICH MAY INCLUDE COURSE
22 WORK RELATED TO APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAMS OR INTERNSHIP
23 PROGRAMS, that are worth more than a total of nine credit hours,
24 including basic skills courses. Furthermore, the qualified student shall not
25 concurrently enroll in more than:

26 (I) Six credit hours of postsecondary courses, including academic
27 courses and career and technical education courses, WHICH MAY INCLUDE

1 COURSE WORK RELATED TO APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAMS OR INTERNSHIP
2 PROGRAMS, in any academic semester if the student is registered as a
3 full-time pupil in his or her local education provider; or

4 (II) Three credit hours of postsecondary courses, including
5 academic courses and career and technical education courses, WHICH MAY
6 INCLUDE COURSE WORK RELATED TO APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAMS OR
7 INTERNSHIP PROGRAMS, in any academic semester if the student is
8 registered as a part-time pupil in his or her local education provider.

9 (e) Except as described in paragraphs (c) and (d) of this
10 subsection (1) and sections 22-35-108 and 22-35-109, the state board by
11 rule shall not limit the number of postsecondary courses, including
12 academic courses and career and technical education courses, WHICH MAY
13 INCLUDE COURSE WORK RELATED TO APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAMS OR
14 INTERNSHIP PROGRAMS, in which a qualified student may concurrently
15 enroll during the ninth, tenth, eleventh, or twelfth grade.

16 (5) A course, INCLUDING COURSE WORK RELATED TO AN
17 APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM OR INTERNSHIP PROGRAM, successfully
18 completed by a qualified student through concurrent enrollment at an
19 institution of higher education shall count COUNTS for credit toward the
20 qualified student's high school graduation requirements at his or her local
21 education provider.

22 (6) (a) A local education provider that seeks to allow students to
23 concurrently enroll in postsecondary courses, including academic courses
24 and career and technical education courses, WHICH MAY INCLUDE COURSE
25 WORK RELATED TO APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAMS AND INTERNSHIP
26 PROGRAMS, at an institution of higher education shall enter into a
27 cooperative agreement with the institution of higher education.

1 (b) A cooperative agreement ~~shall~~ MUST include, but need not be
2 limited to:

3 (VII) Consideration and identification of ways in which qualified
4 students who concurrently enroll in postsecondary courses, including
5 academic courses or career and technical education courses, WHICH MAY
6 INCLUDE COURSE WORK RELATED TO APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAMS AND
7 INTERNSHIP PROGRAMS, can remain eligible for interscholastic high school
8 activities; and

9 (c) An institution of higher education that enters into a
10 cooperative agreement with a local education provider shall provide a
11 copy of the cooperative agreement to the department of higher education,
12 which shall retain the copy. If the cooperative agreement contemplates the
13 provision of career and technical education courses, WHICH MAY INCLUDE
14 COURSE WORK RELATED TO APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAMS OR INTERNSHIP
15 PROGRAMS, to qualified students, the institution shall also provide a copy
16 of the cooperative agreement to the state board for community colleges
17 and occupational education, which shall retain the copy.

18 (13) Notwithstanding any other provision of this article, a
19 qualified student shall not concurrently enroll in a course that is offered
20 by a postsecondary career and technical education program, INCLUDING
21 A COURSE THAT IS RELATED TO AN APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM OR
22 INTERNSHIP PROGRAM, unless the course is included in a postsecondary
23 degree or certificate program that is approved by the state board for
24 community colleges and occupational education.

25 (14) If a qualified student concurrently enrolls in a course that is
26 provided by a postsecondary career and technical education program,
27 INCLUDING A COURSE THAT IS RELATED TO AN APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM

1 OR INTERNSHIP PROGRAM, the instructor of the course ~~shall~~ MUST possess
2 a CURRENT career and technical education teaching credential that has
3 been authorized by the state board for community colleges and
4 occupational education.

5 **SECTION 3.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-35-107, **add** (6)
6 (f) as follows:

7 **22-35-107. Concurrent enrollment advisory board - created -**
8 **membership - duties - reports - repeal.** (6) The board shall have the
9 following duties:

10 (f) COLLABORATING WITH PERSONS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF
11 EDUCATION, THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT, THE
12 COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM, THE LOCAL DISTRICT JUNIOR COLLEGES,
13 AREA VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS, AND THE COLORADO WORK FORCE
14 DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL CREATED IN SECTION 24-46.3-101, C.R.S., TO
15 CREATE A SET OF STANDARD RECOMMENDATIONS TO ADVISE AND ASSIST
16 LOCAL EDUCATION PROVIDERS IN CREATING COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS
17 TO INCLUDE COURSE WORK RELATED TO APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAMS AND
18 INTERNSHIP PROGRAMS AS OPTIONS WITHIN A LOCAL EDUCATION
19 PROVIDER'S CONCURRENT ENROLLMENT PROGRAM. THE BOARD SHALL
20 COMPLETE THE STANDARD RECOMMENDATIONS AND MAKE THEM
21 AVAILABLE TO LOCAL EDUCATION PROVIDERS BY JANUARY 1, 2016.

22 **SECTION 4.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-35-112, **amend**
23 (2) introductory portion and (2) (a) as follows:

24 **22-35-112. Reports.** (2) On or before February 1, 2011, and on
25 or before February 1 each year thereafter, the department and the
26 department of higher education shall collaborate to prepare and submit to
27 the education committees of the senate and house of representatives, or

1 any successor committees, a report concerning the concurrent enrollment
2 of qualified students in postsecondary courses, including academic
3 courses and career and technical education courses, AND COURSES
4 RELATED TO APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAMS AND INTERNSHIP PROGRAMS. The
5 report ~~shall~~ MUST include, but need not be limited to:

6 (a) The number and names of local education providers and
7 institutions of higher education that have entered into cooperative
8 agreements, INCLUDING COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS CONCERNING COURSE
9 WORK RELATED TO APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAMS AND INTERNSHIP
10 PROGRAMS;

11 **SECTION 5.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** part 11 to article
12 3.3 of title 23 as follows:

13 PART 11

14 TUITION ASSISTANCE FOR CAREER AND
15 TECHNICAL EDUCATION CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS

16 **23-3.3-1101. Career and technical education certificate**
17 **programs - tuition assistance - funding.** (1) THE COMMISSION SHALL
18 ESTABLISH A TUITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR STUDENTS ENROLLED IN
19 CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS, REFERRED
20 TO IN THIS SECTION AS "CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS". THE COMMISSION SHALL
21 ALLOCATE MONEYS TO COMMUNITY COLLEGES, AREA VOCATIONAL
22 SCHOOLS, AND LOCAL DISTRICT JUNIOR COLLEGES TO PROVIDE TUITION
23 ASSISTANCE FOR STUDENTS WHO MEET THE INCOME ELIGIBILITY
24 REQUIREMENTS FOR THE FEDERAL PELL GRANT BUT DO NOT QUALIFY FOR
25 THE PELL GRANT BECAUSE THE CERTIFICATE PROGRAM IN WHICH THEY
26 ARE ENROLLED DOES NOT MEET THE PELL GRANT MINIMUM CREDIT HOUR
27 REQUIREMENTS. THE DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION AND THE

1 INSTITUTIONS THAT RECEIVE TUITION ASSISTANCE MONEYS PURSUANT TO
2 THIS SECTION SHALL ADMINISTER THE PROGRAM IN ACCORDANCE WITH
3 POLICIES AND PROCEDURES THAT THE COMMISSION ESTABLISHES.

4 (2) THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY MAY APPROPRIATE ANNUALLY AN
5 AMOUNT FOR SUPPORT OF THE PROGRAM ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO THIS
6 SECTION.

7 **SECTION 6. Appropriation.** For the 2015-16 state fiscal year,
8 \$450,000 is appropriated to the department of higher education. This
9 appropriation is from the general fund. To implement this act, the
10 department may use this appropriation for the Colorado commission on
11 higher education's tuition assistance for career and technical education
12 certificate programs.

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