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**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

101 **CONCERNING CREATION OF THE EDUCATION INNOVATION INSTITUTE**  
102 **AT THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTHERN COLORADO.**

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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.)*

Creates the education innovation institute (institute) within the university of northern Colorado (university). Requires the university to administer the institute. Sets forth the purposes of the institute. Allows the general assembly to appropriate moneys to the board of trustees of the university for the administration of the institute.

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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.*

HOUSE  
3rd Reading Unam ended  
March 3, 2009

HOUSE  
Am ended 2nd Reading  
March 2, 2009

SENATE  
3rd Reading Unam ended  
January 26, 2009

SENATE  
Am ended 2nd Reading  
January 23, 2009

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

2 **SECTION 1. Legislative declaration.** (1) The general assembly  
3 hereby finds and declares that:

4 (a) The governor and the general assembly have resolved to align  
5 the public education system from preschool through postsecondary and  
6 workforce readiness with an objective of universal proficiency for all  
7 students, and this alignment requires public policy decisions that must be  
8 informed by reliable research data and analyses; and

9 (b) The university of northern Colorado in Greeley is:

10 (I) The primary institution for undergraduate and graduate degree  
11 programs for educational personnel preparation in the state of Colorado;  
12 and

13 (II) A specialized graduate research university focusing on  
14 educational programs, models, and solutions.

15 (2) Now, therefore, the general assembly declares that there shall  
16 be an education innovation institute at the university of northern Colorado  
17 in Greeley. The mission of the education innovation institute shall  
18 include, but not be limited to:

19 (a) Collaborate with institutions to leverage research, funding,  
20 expertise, and other resources;

21 (b) Discover and study innovations in teaching and learning;

22 (c) Create, pilot, and advocate for innovations in educational  
23 delivery methods;

24 (d) Produce data and analyses concerning issues including, but not  
25 limited to, the following:

26 (I) Existing or nascent problems in education;

27 (II) Models of innovative educational solutions; and

- 1 (III) Financing and governance models for educational settings;
- 2 (e) Provide public policy makers with data and analyses
- 3 concerning:
- 4 (I) Educational program effectiveness; and
- 5 (II) Innovative options for public and private educational settings;
- 6 (f) Identify innovative uses of existing school facilities in the state
- 7 for the purpose of collaboration between elementary, secondary, and
- 8 higher education institutions; and
- 9 (g) Identify key issues and set research priorities in consultation
- 10 with education experts, business and community leaders, public officials,
- 11 and the governor's P-20 education coordinating council created pursuant
- 12 to executive order B 003 07.

13 **SECTION 2.** 23-40-101, Colorado Revised Statutes, is amended

14 to read:

15 **23-40-101. University established - role and mission.** (1) There

16 is hereby established a university at Greeley, to be known as the

17 university of northern Colorado. The university of ~~northern Colorado~~

18 shall be a comprehensive baccalaureate and specialized graduate research

19 university with selective admission standards.

20 (2) The university OF NORTHERN COLORADO shall be the primary

21 institution for undergraduate and graduate degree programs for

22 educational personnel preparation in the state of Colorado. The

23 university shall offer masters and doctoral programs primarily in the field

24 of education. The university of ~~northern Colorado~~ has the responsibility

25 to offer on a statewide basis, utilizing where possible and appropriate the

26 faculty and facilities of other educational institutions, those graduate-level

27 programs needed by professional educators and education administrators.

1 The COLORADO commission ON HIGHER EDUCATION shall include in its  
2 funding recommendations an appropriate level of general fund support for  
3 those programs.

4 (3) AS PART OF ITS MISSION AS A GRADUATE RESEARCH  
5 UNIVERSITY SPECIALIZING IN PROGRAMS FOR EDUCATIONAL PERSONNEL,  
6 THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTHERN COLORADO SHALL INCLUDE THE  
7 EDUCATION INNOVATION INSTITUTE CREATED IN SECTION 23-40-106 FOR  
8 THE PURPOSES DESCRIBED IN SECTION 23-40-106 (2).

9 **SECTION 3.** Article 40 of title 23, Colorado Revised Statutes, is  
10 amended BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION to read:

11 **23-40-106. Education innovation institute established -**  
12 **purposes - appropriations - report.** (1) THERE IS HEREBY ESTABLISHED  
13 WITHIN THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTHERN COLORADO THE EDUCATION  
14 INNOVATION INSTITUTE, REFERRED TO IN THIS SECTION AS THE  
15 "INSTITUTE". THE UNIVERSITY SHALL ADMINISTER THE INSTITUTE.

16 (2) THE PURPOSES OF THE INSTITUTE SHALL INCLUDE, BUT NOT BE  
17 LIMITED TO:

18 (a) COLLABORATE WITH INSTITUTIONS TO LEVERAGE RESEARCH,  
19 FUNDING, EXPERTISE, AND OTHER RESOURCES;

20 (b) DISCOVER AND STUDY INNOVATIONS IN TEACHING AND  
21 LEARNING;

22 (c) CREATE, PILOT, AND ADVOCATE FOR INNOVATIONS IN  
23 EDUCATIONAL DELIVERY METHODS;

24 (d) PRODUCE DATA AND ANALYSES CONCERNING ISSUES  
25 INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, THE FOLLOWING:

26 (I) EXISTING OR NASCENT PROBLEMS IN EDUCATION;

27 (II) MODELS OF INNOVATIVE EDUCATIONAL SOLUTIONS; AND

1 (III) FINANCING AND GOVERNANCE MODELS FOR EDUCATIONAL  
2 SETTINGS;

3 (e) PROVIDE PUBLIC POLICY MAKERS WITH DATA AND ANALYSES  
4 CONCERNING:

5 (I) EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM EFFECTIVENESS; AND

6 (II) INNOVATIVE OPTIONS FOR PUBLIC AND PRIVATE EDUCATIONAL  
7 SETTINGS; ==

8 (f) IDENTIFY INNOVATIVE USES OF EXISTING SCHOOL FACILITIES IN  
9 THE STATE FOR THE PURPOSE OF COLLABORATION BETWEEN ELEMENTARY,  
10 SECONDARY, AND HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS; AND

11 (g) IDENTIFY KEY ISSUES AND SET RESEARCH PRIORITIES IN  
12 CONSULTATION WITH EDUCATION EXPERTS, BUSINESS AND COMMUNITY  
13 LEADERS, AND PUBLIC OFFICIALS.

14 (3) (a) THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY MAY APPROPRIATE MONEYS TO  
15 THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTHERN COLORADO  
16 FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE INSTITUTE.

17 (b) THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE UNIVERSITY MAY SOLICIT AND  
18 ACCEPT GIFTS, GRANTS, AND DONATIONS FROM PUBLIC AND PRIVATE  
19 SOURCES TO FUND THE INSTITUTE.

20 (4) ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 10, 2011, AND ON OR BEFORE  
21 JANUARY 10 EACH YEAR THEREAFTER, THE INSTITUTE SHALL PREPARE AND  
22 SUBMIT A REPORT TO THE EDUCATION COMMITTEES OF THE HOUSE OF  
23 REPRESENTATIVES AND THE SENATE, OR ANY SUCCESSOR COMMITTEES,  
24 CONCERNING THE ACTIVITIES OF THE INSTITUTE IN THE PREVIOUS  
25 CALENDAR YEAR. THE REPORT SHALL INCLUDE, AT A MINIMUM,  
26 INFORMATION CONCERNING THE EFFORTS OF THE INSTITUTE TO FULFILL ITS  
27 PURPOSES AS DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (2) OF THIS SECTION.

1           **SECTION 4. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act  
2 shall take effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the  
3 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly that is  
4 allowed for submitting a referendum petition pursuant to article V,  
5 section 1 (3) of the state constitution, (August 4, 2009, if adjournment  
6 sine die is on May 6, 2009); except that, if a referendum petition is filed  
7 against this act or an item, section, or part of this act within such period,  
8 then the act, item, section, or part, if approved by the people, shall take  
9 effect on the date of the official declaration of the vote thereon by  
10 proclamation of the governor.