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A BILL FOR AN ACT

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

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.

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.

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 be to:

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

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

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

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

25 (I) Existing or nascent problems in education;

26 (II) Models of innovative educational solutions; and

27 (III) Financing and governance models for educational settings;

1 (e) Provide public policy makers with data and analyses
2 concerning:

- 3 (I) Educational program effectiveness; and
- 4 (II) Innovative options for public and private educational settings;
- 5 and

6 (f) Identify key issues and set research priorities in consultation
7 with education experts, business and community leaders, public officials,
8 and the governor's P-20 education coordinating council created pursuant
9 to executive order B 003 07.

10 **SECTION 2.** 23-40-101, Colorado Revised Statutes, is amended
11 to read:

12 **23-40-101. University established - role and mission.** (1) There
13 is hereby established a university at Greeley, to be known as the
14 university of northern Colorado. The university of ~~northern Colorado~~
15 shall be a comprehensive baccalaureate and specialized graduate research
16 university with selective admission standards.

17 (2) The university OF NORTHERN COLORADO shall be the primary
18 institution for undergraduate and graduate degree programs for
19 educational personnel preparation in the state of Colorado. The
20 university shall offer masters and doctoral programs primarily in the field
21 of education. The university of ~~northern Colorado~~ has the responsibility
22 to offer on a statewide basis, utilizing where possible and appropriate the
23 faculty and facilities of other educational institutions, those graduate-level
24 programs needed by professional educators and education administrators.
25 The COLORADO commission ON HIGHER EDUCATION shall include in its
26 funding recommendations an appropriate level of general fund support for
27 those programs.

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

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

8 **23-40-106. Education innovation institute established -**
9 **purposes - appropriations.** (1) THERE IS HEREBY ESTABLISHED WITHIN
10 THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTHERN COLORADO THE EDUCATION INNOVATION
11 INSTITUTE, REFERRED TO IN THIS SECTION AS THE "INSTITUTE". THE
12 UNIVERSITY SHALL ADMINISTER THE INSTITUTE.

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

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

17 (b) DISCOVER AND STUDY INNOVATIONS IN TEACHING AND
18 LEARNING;

19 (c) CREATE, PILOT, AND ADVOCATE FOR INNOVATIONS IN
20 EDUCATIONAL DELIVERY METHODS;

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

23 (I) EXISTING OR NASCENT PROBLEMS IN EDUCATION;

24 (II) MODELS OF INNOVATIVE EDUCATIONAL SOLUTIONS; AND

25 (III) FINANCING AND GOVERNANCE MODELS FOR EDUCATIONAL
26 SETTINGS;

27 (e) PROVIDE PUBLIC POLICY MAKERS WITH DATA AND ANALYSES

1 CONCERNING:

2 (I) EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM EFFECTIVENESS; AND

3 (II) INNOVATIVE OPTIONS FOR PUBLIC AND PRIVATE EDUCATIONAL
4 SETTINGS; ==

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

8 (g) IDENTIFY KEY ISSUES AND SET RESEARCH PRIORITIES IN
9 CONSULTATION WITH EDUCATION EXPERTS, BUSINESS AND COMMUNITY
10 LEADERS, AND PUBLIC OFFICIALS.

11 (3) (a) THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY MAY APPROPRIATE MONEYS TO
12 THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTHERN COLORADO
13 FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE INSTITUTE.

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

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