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A BILL FOR AN ACT

CONCERNING AUTHORITY TO OFFER ADDITIONAL PROGRAMS AT MESA

102 STATE COLLEGE.

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/billsummaries.)

The bill amends the role and mission of Mesa state college to include additional liberal arts and sciences, professional, and technical degree programs at the undergraduate and graduate levels.

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

SECTION 1. 23-53-101, Colorado Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

23-53-101. College established - role and mission. There is hereby established a college at Grand Junction, to be known as Mesa state college, which shall be a general baccalaureate and specialized graduate institution with moderately selective admission standards. Mesa state college shall offer undergraduate liberal arts and sciences, teacher preparation, and business degree programs and a limited number of PROFESSIONAL, AND TECHNICAL DEGREE PROGRAMS AT THE UNDERGRADUATE AND graduate programs LEVELS. Mesa state college shall also maintain a community college role and mission, including vocational CAREER and technical EDUCATION programs. Mesa state college shall receive resident credit for two-year course offerings in its commission-approved service area. Mesa state college shall also serve as a regional education provider.

SECTION 2. Act subject to petition - effective date. This act shall take effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly (August 11, 2010, if adjournment sine die is on May 12, 2010); except that, if a referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act within such period, then the act, item, section, or part shall not take effect unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in November 2010 and shall take effect on the date of the official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.

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