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# An Act

SENATE BILL 10-079

BY SENATOR(S) Penry, Brophy, Foster, Gibbs, Heath, Hodge, Johnston, Kester, Kopp, Scheffel, Schwartz, Spence, Tochtrop, White, Whitehead, Williams;  
also REPRESENTATIVE(S) Bradford and King S., Casso, Labuda, Pace, Summers, Todd.

CONCERNING AUTHORITY TO OFFER ADDITIONAL PROGRAMS AT MESA STATE COLLEGE.

*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 AND A LIMITED NUMBER OF graduate programs. Mesa state college shall also maintain a community college role and mission, including ~~vocational~~ CAREER and technical

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*Capital letters indicate new material added to existing statutes; dashes through words indicate deletions from existing statutes and such material not part of act.*

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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