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LLS NO. 10-0517.01 Brita Darling

**SENATE BILL 10-079**

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**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

101 **CONCERNING AUTHORITY TO OFFER ADDITIONAL PROGRAMS AT MESA**  
102 **STATE COLLEGE.**

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**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.

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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  
2nd Reading Unam ended  
April 1, 2010

SENATE  
3rd Reading Unam ended  
March 3, 2010

SENATE  
Am ended 2nd Reading  
March 2, 2010

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

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

4 **23-53-101. College established - role and mission.** There is  
5 hereby established a college at Grand Junction, to be known as Mesa state  
6 college, which shall be a general baccalaureate and ~~specialized~~ graduate  
7 institution with moderately selective admission standards. Mesa state  
8 college shall offer ~~undergraduate~~ liberal arts and sciences, ~~teacher~~  
9 ~~preparation, and business degree programs and a limited number of~~  
10 PROFESSIONAL, AND TECHNICAL DEGREE PROGRAMS AND A LIMITED  
11 NUMBER OF graduate programs. Mesa state college shall also maintain a  
12 community college role and mission, including ~~vocational~~ CAREER and  
13 technical EDUCATION programs. Mesa state college shall receive resident  
14 credit for two-year course offerings in its commission-approved service  
15 area. Mesa state college shall also serve as a regional education provider.

16 **SECTION 2. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act  
17 shall take effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the  
18 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly (August  
19 11, 2010, if adjournment sine die is on May 12, 2010); except that, if a  
20 referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the  
21 state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act  
22 within such period, then the act, item, section, or part shall not take effect  
23 unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in  
24 November 2010 and shall take effect on the date of the official  
25 declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.