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A BILL FOR AN ACT CONCERNING A REQUIREMENT THAT THE STATE FUND ONE HUNDRED PERCENT OF THE COST OF INSTRUCTION FOR NONRESIDENT NATIVE AMERICAN STUDENTS ENROLLED AT FORT LEWIS 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.)

Currently, the state must fund 100% of the cost of tuition for Native American students enrolled at Fort Lewis college. The bill

maintains that requirement for in-state students, but changes it to 100% of the cost of instruction for nonresident students.

1 Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado: 2 **SECTION 1.** 23-52-105 (1) (b) and (2), Colorado Revised 3 Statutes, are amended to read: 4 23-52-105. Tuition fees - Native Americans. (1) (b) On and 5 after September 1, 2002, the board of trustees shall fix tuition in 6 accordance with the level of cash fund appropriations set by the general 7 assembly for Fort Lewis college pursuant to section 23-1-104 (1) (a) (I), 8 subject to the restriction that all qualified Indian NATIVE AMERICAN 9 pupils shall at all times be admitted to such college free of charge for 10 tuition and on terms of equality with other pupils. FOR QUALIFIED NATIVE 11 AMERICAN PUPILS WITH IN-STATE STUDENT STATUS, the general assembly 12 shall appropriate from the state general fund one hundred percent of the 13 moneys required for IN-STATE tuition for such qualified Indian pupils AT 14 FORT LEWIS COLLEGE. FOR QUALIFIED NATIVE AMERICAN PUPILS WITH 15 NONRESIDENT STATUS, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY SHALL APPROPRIATE 16 FROM THE STATE GENERAL FUND ONE HUNDRED PERCENT OF THE MONEYS 17 REQUIRED FOR THE COST OF INSTRUCTION AT FORT LEWIS COLLEGE AS 18 DETERMINED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION. 19 (2) Special programs may also be offered to assist Indian NATIVE 20 AMERICAN pupils to prepare for, begin, or continue their college 21 education at Fort Lewis college. Indian NATIVE AMERICAN pupils shall 22 not be charged tuition for such programs. The size of any special 23 programs offered pursuant to this subsection (2) shall be limited by the 24 facilities and revenues available and by the level of appropriations set therefor by the general assembly. 25

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- 1 **SECTION 2. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,
- determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate
- 3 preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.

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