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TITLE: CONCERNING CHANGES TO THE GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE OF THE BOARD

OF GOVERNORS OF THE COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, ESTABLISHING THE GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE

FOR COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY - GLOBAL CAMPUS.

Summary of Legislation

Senate Bill 09-086 created the online university known as the Colorado State University Global Campus (CSU-Global). The school is an online public university under the supervision of the Board of Governors of the CSU system (the board) and offers both undergraduate and graduate degrees.

This bill re-establishes the governance structure of the CSU system, makes several clarifying and conforming changes to current statute, and more formally links the supervision of CSU-Global to the CSU board. The bill also increases the board's size by 2 advisory, non voting members: one from the student body and one from the faculty at CSU-Global. The bill takes effect August 8, 2012, assuming the General Assembly adjourns on May 9, 2012, as scheduled, and no referendum petition is filed.

Assessment

The bill's changes are largely clean-up and conforming amendments to clarify and formalize the governance structure of the CSU system. These modifications will not impact current practice at the schools in the system, or require additional work by the state Department of Higher Education. The bill does not impact expenditures or revenue of any public entity and is assessed as having no fiscal impact.

Departments Contacted

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