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HOUSE BILL 12-1061

HOUSE SPONSORSHIP

Kagan,

SENATE SPONSORSHIP

(None),

House Committees
Education

Senate Committees

A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING REQUIRING A REPORT OF THE CORRELATION BETWEEN
102 THE EDUCATIONAL CREDENTIALS ISSUED AND THE STATE'S
103 WORKFORCE NEEDS.

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 requires the department of higher education (department), in consultation with the department of labor, the department of regulatory agencies, and any other entity the department deems appropriate, to produce an annual report regarding state workforce projections and

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Capital letters indicate new material to be added to existing statute.
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education credential production. The report will project the workforce needs of the state for the next 3 years and the expected production of degrees and certificates over the next 3 years. The report will show the workforce needs that are not being met by state degree and certificate production and identify institutions, public or private, that can address those workforce needs through new programs or expansion of existing ones. Institutions of higher education are encouraged to use the report in master planning for its course of study offerings. The bill repeals July 1, 2016.

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 23-1-130 as
3 follows:

4 **23-1-130. Department duty to report on workforce needs and**
5 **credential production - repeal.** (1) THIS SECTION SHALL BE KNOWN AS
6 THE "SKILLS FOR JOBS ACT".

7 (2) THE DEPARTMENT, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT
8 OF LABOR, THE DEPARTMENT OF REGULATORY AGENCIES, AND ANY OTHER
9 ENTITY THE DEPARTMENT DEEMS APPROPRIATE, SHALL PRODUCE AN
10 ANNUAL REPORT REGARDING STATE WORKFORCE NEED PROJECTIONS AND
11 CREDENTIAL PRODUCTION. THE REPORT SHALL:

12 (a) INDICATE THE STATE'S ANTICIPATED WORKFORCE NEEDS FOR
13 THE THREE-YEAR PERIOD FOLLOWING THE REPORT AND THE NUMBER OF
14 DEGREES, CERTIFICATES, AND OTHER CREDENTIALS THAT PUBLIC AND
15 PRIVATE INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION, PRIVATE OCCUPATIONAL
16 SCHOOLS, LOCAL DISTRICT COLLEGES, AREA VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS, HIGH
17 SCHOOL VOCATIONAL PROGRAMS, APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAMS, AND
18 OTHER PUBLIC OR PRIVATE WORKFORCE TRAINING PROGRAMS EXPECT TO
19 ISSUE OVER THE THREE-YEAR PERIOD FOLLOWING THE REPORT;

20 (b) IDENTIFY ANY WORKFORCE NEEDS, INCLUDING AREAS OF

1 SPECIALIZATION AND LEVELS OF EXPERIENCE WITHIN A PARTICULAR
2 VOCATION, THAT MAY NOT BE MET BY THE EDUCATION, TRAINING, AND
3 APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAMS; AND

4 (c) IDENTIFY INSTITUTIONS, PUBLIC OR PRIVATE, THAT CAN MEET
5 THE WORKFORCE NEEDS THROUGH EXPANSION OF EXISTING PROGRAMS OR
6 BY DEVELOPING NEW PROGRAMS. THE DEPARTMENT, BY JANUARY 15 OF
7 EACH YEAR, BEGINNING IN 2013, SHALL PROVIDE A COPY OF THE REPORT
8 TO THE EDUCATION COMMITTEES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND
9 THE SENATE, OR ANY SUCCESSOR COMMITTEES, TO THE ECONOMIC AND
10 BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
11 OR ANY SUCCESSOR COMMITTEE, TO THE BUSINESS, LABOR, AND
12 TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE OF THE SENATE, OR ANY SUCCESSOR
13 COMMITTEE, AND TO THE GOVERNOR.

14 (3) EACH INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION IS ENCOURAGED TO
15 USE THE REPORT IN ITS MASTER PLANNING FOR COURSE OF STUDY
16 OFFERINGS.

17 (4) THIS SECTION IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016.

18 **SECTION 2. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act
19 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the
20 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly (August
21 7, 2012, if adjournment sine die is on May 9, 2012); except that, if a
22 referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the
23 state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act
24 within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take effect
25 unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in
26 November 2012 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the
27 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.