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**HOUSE BILL 12-1061**

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**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.**

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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 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

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.*

SENATE  
3rd Reading Unam ended  
March 14, 2012

SENATE  
2nd Reading Unam ended  
March 13, 2012

HOUSE  
3rd Reading Unam ended  
February 10, 2012

HOUSE  
Am ended 2nd Reading  
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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.

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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) TO THE EXTENT PRACTICABLE WITHIN AVAILABLE RESOURCES  
8 AND SUBJECT TO THE AVAILABILITY OF DATA CURRENTLY COLLECTED BY  
9 AND ACCESSIBLE TO STATE AGENCIES, THE DEPARTMENT, IN  
10 CONSULTATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, THE DEPARTMENT OF  
11 REGULATORY AGENCIES, AND ANY OTHER ENTITY THE DEPARTMENT  
12 DEEMS APPROPRIATE, SHALL PRODUCE AN ANNUAL REPORT REGARDING  
13 STATE WORKFORCE NEED PROJECTIONS AND CREDENTIAL PRODUCTION.

14 THE REPORT SHALL:

15 (a) INDICATE THE STATE'S ANTICIPATED WORKFORCE NEEDS ■ ■ ■  
16 AND THE NUMBER OF DEGREES, CERTIFICATES, AND OTHER CREDENTIALS  
17 THAT PUBLIC AND PRIVATE INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION, PRIVATE  
18 OCCUPATIONAL SCHOOLS, LOCAL DISTRICT COLLEGES, AND AREA  
19 VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS EXPECT TO ISSUE;

20 (b) TO THE EXTENT PROVIDED BY SOURCES EXTERNAL TO THE

1 DEPARTMENT, INDICATE THE STATE'S ANTICIPATED NUMBER OF DEGREES,  
2 CERTIFICATES, AND OTHER CREDENTIALS THAT HIGH SCHOOL VOCATIONAL  
3 PROGRAMS, APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAMS, AND OTHER PUBLIC OR PRIVATE  
4 WORKFORCE TRAINING PROGRAMS EXPECT TO ISSUE.

5 (c) IDENTIFY ANY WORKFORCE NEEDS, INCLUDING AREAS OF  
6 SPECIALIZATION WITHIN A PARTICULAR VOCATION, THAT MAY NOT BE  
7 MET BY THE EDUCATION, TRAINING, AND APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAMS; AND

8 (d) IDENTIFY INSTITUTIONS, PUBLIC OR PRIVATE, THAT MAY MEET  
9 PROJECTED WORKFORCE NEEDS. THE DEPARTMENT, BY JANUARY 15 OF  
10 EACH YEAR, BEGINNING IN 2013, SHALL PROVIDE A COPY OF THE REPORT  
11 TO THE EDUCATION COMMITTEES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND  
12 THE SENATE, OR ANY SUCCESSOR COMMITTEES, TO THE ECONOMIC AND  
13 BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
14 OR ANY SUCCESSOR COMMITTEE, TO THE BUSINESS, LABOR, AND  
15 TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE OF THE SENATE, OR ANY SUCCESSOR  
16 COMMITTEE, AND TO THE GOVERNOR.

17 (3) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL SEND THE REPORT TO EVERY PUBLIC  
18 POSTSECONDARY GOVERNING BOARD IN THE STATE AND SHALL WORK  
19 WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO PROVIDE THE REPORT TO THE  
20 STATE'S PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICTS, THE COLORADO CHARTER SCHOOL  
21 INSTITUTE, AND COLORADO PRIVATE ELEMENTARY, MIDDLE, AND HIGH  
22 SCHOOLS.

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

24 **SECTION 2. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act  
25 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the  
26 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly (August  
27 7, 2012, if adjournment sine die is on May 9, 2012); except that, if a

1 referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the  
2 state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act  
3 within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take effect  
4 unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in  
5 November 2012 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the  
6 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.