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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING CONCURRENT ENROLLMENT FOR STUDENTS WHO MAY**
102 **COMPLETE HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS BEFORE**
103 **THE END OF TWELFTH GRADE.**

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>.)

If, during a high school student's twelfth-grade year, the number of credit hours the student needs for graduation is less than full-time enrollment, the bill requires the school district, charter school, or board of cooperative services (local education provider) in which the student is

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enrolled to give the student the choice of graduating early, continuing to take high school courses, or concurrently enrolling for a maximum of 15 credit hours per semester in an institution of higher education (institution) that the student chooses. The student may continue to concurrently enroll until the student completes his or her twelfth-grade year.

The local education provider must enter into a collaborative agreement for concurrent enrollment with the student's selected institution, if possible. If the local education provider and the institution cannot complete a cooperative agreement, the student can concurrently enroll in any institution with which the local education provider has a cooperative agreement. If the local education provider does not have a cooperative agreement with an institution, it must enter into one.

Because the student has completed the graduation requirements, the student need not receive high school credit for the courses he or she completes through concurrent enrollment.

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-32-109, **amend**

3 (1) (nn) as follows:

4 **22-32-109. Board of education - specific duties.** (1) In addition
5 to any other duty required to be performed by law, each board of
6 education shall have and perform the following specific duties:

7 (nn) To ensure that each student who enrolls in the sixth grade in
8 a public school of the school district, including but not limited to a district
9 charter school, on the day of enrollment is registered with the
10 state-provided, free on-line college planning and preparation resource,
11 commonly referred to as "CollegeInColorado.org". The school district,
12 the department of education, and the department of higher education shall
13 collaborate to monitor the implementation of this paragraph (nn) and to
14 ensure optimal interactivity between the various data bases and student
15 record systems employed by school districts and college in Colorado.
16 Each public school shall assist each student and his or her parent or legal
17 guardian to develop and maintain the student's individual career and

1 academic plan no later than the beginning of ninth grade but may assist
2 the student and his or her parent or legal guardian to develop and
3 maintain the student's individual career and academic plan in any grade
4 prior to ninth grade. AT A MINIMUM, EACH PUBLIC SCHOOL SHALL ENSURE
5 THAT, IN DEVELOPING AND MAINTAINING EACH STUDENT'S INDIVIDUAL
6 CAREER AND ACADEMIC PLAN, THE COUNSELOR OR TEACHER EXPLAINS TO
7 THE STUDENT AND BY LETTER TO THE STUDENT'S PARENT OR LEGAL
8 GUARDIAN THE REQUIREMENTS FOR AND BENEFITS OF CONCURRENTLY
9 ENROLLING IN COURSES WITH AN INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION
10 PURSUANT TO THE "CONCURRENT ENROLLMENT PROGRAMS ACT",
11 ARTICLE 35 OF THIS TITLE. BASED ON A REQUEST FROM THE STUDENT OR
12 THE STUDENT'S PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN, THE COUNSELOR OR
13 TEACHER SHALL ASSIST THE STUDENT IN COURSE PLANNING TO ENABLE
14 THE STUDENT TO CONCURRENTLY ENROLL IN COURSES WITH AN
15 INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION.

16 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-30.5-505, **amend**
17 (3) (f) as follows:

18 **22-30.5-505. State charter school institute - institute board -**
19 **appointment - powers and duties - rules.** (3) The mission of the
20 institute board shall be to foster high-quality public school choices
21 offered through institute charter schools, including particularly schools
22 that are focused on closing the achievement gap for at-risk students. In
23 discharging its duties pursuant to this part 5, the institute shall:

24 (f) Ensure that each student who enrolls in the sixth grade in an
25 institute charter school, on the day of enrollment, is registered with the
26 state-provided, free on-line college planning and preparation resource,
27 commonly referred to as "CollegeInColorado.org". The institute, the

1 department, and the department of higher education shall collaborate to
2 monitor the implementation of this paragraph (f) and to ensure optimal
3 interactivity between the various data bases and student record systems
4 employed by institute charter schools and college in Colorado. Each
5 institute charter school shall assist each student and his or her parent or
6 legal guardian to develop and maintain the student's individual career and
7 academic plan no later than the beginning of ninth grade but may assist
8 the student and his or her parent or legal guardian to develop and
9 maintain the student's individual career and academic plan in any grade
10 prior to ninth grade. AT A MINIMUM, EACH INSTITUTE CHARTER SCHOOL
11 SHALL ENSURE THAT, IN DEVELOPING AND MAINTAINING EACH STUDENT'S
12 INDIVIDUAL CAREER AND ACADEMIC PLAN, THE COUNSELOR OR TEACHER
13 EXPLAINS TO THE STUDENT AND BY LETTER TO THE STUDENT'S PARENT OR
14 LEGAL GUARDIAN THE REQUIREMENTS FOR AND BENEFITS OF
15 CONCURRENTLY ENROLLING IN COURSES WITH AN INSTITUTION OF HIGHER
16 EDUCATION PURSUANT TO THE "CONCURRENT ENROLLMENT PROGRAMS
17 ACT", ARTICLE 35 OF THIS TITLE. BASED ON A REQUEST FROM THE
18 STUDENT OR THE STUDENT'S PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN, THE
19 COUNSELOR OR TEACHER SHALL ASSIST THE STUDENT IN COURSE
20 PLANNING TO ENABLE THE STUDENT TO CONCURRENTLY ENROLL IN
21 COURSES WITH AN INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION.

22 **SECTION 3.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add 22-35-104.5** as
23 follows:

24 **22-35-104.5. Concurrent enrollment - early completion of high**
25 **school graduation requirements.** (1) AS USED IN THIS SECTION,
26 "ELIGIBLE QUALIFIED STUDENT" MEANS A QUALIFIED STUDENT WHO, BY
27 THE END OF THE FIRST SEMESTER OF HIS OR HER TWELFTH-GRADE YEAR,

1 COMPLETES THE GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS ESTABLISHED BY THE LOCAL
2 EDUCATION PROVIDER AND IS APPROVED FOR ENROLLMENT IN
3 POSTSECONDARY COURSES BY THE COUNSELOR OR TEACHER WHO ASSISTS
4 THE QUALIFIED STUDENT IN MAINTAINING THE QUALIFIED STUDENT'S
5 INDIVIDUAL CAREER AND ACADEMIC PLAN.

6 (2) AT LEAST NINETY DAYS BEFORE THE END OF THE ACADEMIC
7 TERM THAT IMMEDIATELY PRECEDES THE INTENDED TERM OF
8 CONCURRENT ENROLLMENT, AN ELIGIBLE QUALIFIED STUDENT WHO
9 CHOOSES TO CONCURRENTLY ENROLL IN AN INSTITUTION OF HIGHER
10 EDUCATION PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION SHALL NOTIFY THE
11 SUPERINTENDENT OF THE STUDENT'S SCHOOL DISTRICT OR THE
12 SUPERINTENDENT'S DESIGNEE OR, IF THE ELIGIBLE QUALIFIED STUDENT IS
13 ENROLLED IN A CHARTER SCHOOL OR A SCHOOL OF A BOCES, THE CHIEF
14 SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR, AND PROVIDE EVIDENCE THAT THE ELIGIBLE
15 QUALIFIED STUDENT MEETS OR, BY THE BEGINNING OF THE INTENDED
16 TERM OF CONCURRENT ENROLLMENT, WILL MEET THE REQUIREMENTS
17 SPECIFIED IN SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS SECTION.

18 (3) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY PROVISION OF SECTION 22-35-104 TO
19 THE CONTRARY, THE SUPERINTENDENT, THE SUPERINTENDENT'S DESIGNEE,
20 OR THE CHIEF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR, WHICHEVER IS APPLICABLE, MAY
21 AUTHORIZE AN ELIGIBLE QUALIFIED STUDENT WHO COMPLIES WITH THE
22 PROVISIONS OF SUBSECTION (2) OF THIS SECTION TO ENROLL
23 CONCURRENTLY.

24 (4) AN ELIGIBLE QUALIFIED STUDENT WHO CONCURRENTLY
25 ENROLLS PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION SHALL ENROLL AT AN INSTITUTION
26 OF HIGHER EDUCATION WITH WHICH THE LOCAL EDUCATION PROVIDER HAS
27 AN EXISTING COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT. IF THE LOCAL EDUCATION

1 PROVIDER DOES NOT HAVE A COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT WITH AN
2 INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION WHEN THE ELIGIBLE QUALIFIED
3 STUDENT NOTIFIES THE LOCAL EDUCATION PROVIDER PURSUANT TO
4 SUBSECTION (2) OF THIS SECTION, THE LOCAL EDUCATION PROVIDER SHALL
5 ENTER INTO A COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT WITH AN INSTITUTION OF HIGHER
6 EDUCATION.

7 (5) AN ELIGIBLE QUALIFIED STUDENT WHO CONCURRENTLY
8 ENROLLS IN AN INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION MAY CONCURRENTLY
9 ENROLL FULL-TIME UNTIL THE ELIGIBLE QUALIFIED STUDENT COMPLETES
10 HIS OR HER TWELFTH-GRADE YEAR.

11 (6) THE LOCAL EDUCATION PROVIDER SHALL PAY TUITION ON
12 BEHALF OF AN ELIGIBLE QUALIFIED STUDENT WHO CONCURRENTLY
13 ENROLLS PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION AT THE RATE ESTABLISHED
14 PURSUANT TO SECTION 22-35-105 (3) (a) BY THE LOCAL EDUCATION
15 PROVIDER AND THE INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION. THE INSTITUTION
16 OF HIGHER EDUCATION, INDEPENDENT OF THE LOCAL EDUCATION
17 PROVIDER, MAY CHARGE THE PARENTS OR LEGAL GUARDIANS OF THE
18 ELIGIBLE QUALIFIED STUDENT ADDITIONAL TUITION OR ASSOCIATED FEES
19 AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 22-35-105 (3) (b).

20 (7) EACH LOCAL EDUCATION PROVIDER THAT ENROLLS QUALIFIED
21 STUDENTS SHALL ANNUALLY NOTIFY ALL QUALIFIED STUDENTS AND
22 PARENTS OR LEGAL GUARDIANS OF QUALIFIED STUDENTS OF THE
23 OPPORTUNITIES AND REQUIREMENTS FOR CONCURRENT ENROLLMENT
24 SPECIFIED IN THIS SECTION.

25 **SECTION 4. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,
26 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate
27 preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.