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**HOUSE BILL 12-1214**

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**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

101 **CONCERNING COMMUNITY COLLEGE TWO-YEAR DEGREE PROGRAMS IN**  
102 **CERTAIN HEALTH CARE FIELDS WITHOUT A STUDENT TRANSFER**  
103 **AGREEMENT.**

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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 allows a Colorado community college to offer a two-year degree program with academic designation in nursing or dental hygiene without a valid student transfer agreement.

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.*

HOUSE  
Amended 2nd Reading  
April 23, 2012

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 23-60-211, **amend**  
3 (1) as follows:

4 **23-60-211. Degrees.** (1) Before a community college offers a  
5 two-year degree program with academic designation, as authorized by  
6 section 23-60-201, the community college shall determine the program  
7 designation for the degree. A two-year degree program with academic  
8 designation shall only be for a degree program that has a valid student  
9 transfer agreement pursuant to section 23-1-108 (7); EXCEPT THAT A  
10 COMMUNITY COLLEGE MAY OFFER A TWO-YEAR DEGREE PROGRAM WITH  
11 ACADEMIC DESIGNATION IN   DENTAL HYGIENE WITHOUT A VALID  
12 STUDENT TRANSFER AGREEMENT. The community college shall then  
13 submit the degree program designation to the board for its review and  
14 approval. The community college may offer the degree program only after  
15 it has been approved by the board and by the Colorado commission on  
16 higher education. The community college shall exclusively use the degree  
17 program designation name in official publications, course catalogs,  
18 diplomas, and official transcripts.

19 **SECTION 2. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act  
20 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the  
21 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly (August  
22 8, 2012, if adjournment sine die is on May 9, 2012); except that, if a  
23 referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the  
24 state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act  
25 within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take effect  
26 unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in

- 1 November 2012 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the
- 2 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.