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A BILL FOR AN ACT

CONCERNING FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR MERITORIOUS COLORADO STUDENTS AT STATE-SUPPORTED INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION.

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.)

Under current law, state-supported institutions of higher education (institution) must generally maintain a required ratio of resident student admissions to nonresident student admissions. The bill allows an institution to count a student who is admitted as a Colorado scholar as 2

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in-state students for purposes of calculating this ratio.

The university of Colorado system and Colorado state university are also required to ensure that the percentage of students who are admitted based on criteria other than the statewide admissions criteria does not fall below the average of the percentage of these students admitted for the 3 preceding years. Under the bill, these institutions are considered to meet this requirement if the percentage of in-state students admitted based on the alternative criteria plus the percentage of in-state students enrolling as Colorado scholars is greater than the percentage of nonresident students admitted based on the alternative criteria.

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

SECTION 1. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 23-1-113.5, add (5)

as follows:


(b) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY PROVISION OF THIS SECTION TO THE CONTRARY, BEGINNING IN THE FALL SEMESTER OF 2013, A STATE-SUPPORTED INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION OR A CAMPUS OF THE INSTITUTION MEETS THE REQUIREMENTS SPECIFIED IN SUBPARAGRAPH (IV) OF PARAGRAPH (a) OF SUBSECTION (4) OF THIS SECTION IF THE PERCENTAGE OF IN-STATE STUDENTS ADMITTED TO THE INSTITUTION OR TO EACH CAMPUS OF THE INSTITUTION BASED ON CRITERIA THAT ARE IN LIEU OF THE ESTABLISHED STATEWIDE CRITERIA AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 23-1-113 (1) (b) PLUS THE PERCENTAGE OF IN-STATE STUDENTS
ENROLLING AS Colorado scholars exceeds the percentage of nonresident students admitted to the institution or to each campus of the institution based on criteria that are in lieu of the established statewide criteria.

(c) The provisions of this subsection (5) apply only to a state-supported institution of higher education, or to a campus of the institution, that establishes and funds a Colorado scholar program.

(d) As used in this subsection (5):

(I) "Colorado scholar" means an in-state student who participates in a Colorado scholar program.

(II) "Colorado scholar program" means an institutional program or group of programs that awards institutional financial aid or scholarships to undergraduate, degree-seeking, in-state students based on competitive, merit-based criteria, with the goal of attracting in-state students to and retaining them in Colorado institutions of higher education.

SECTION 2. Safety clause. The general assembly hereby finds, determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.