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**HOUSE BILL 13-1320**

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**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

101     **CONCERNING FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR MERITORIOUS COLORADO**  
102             **STUDENTS AT STATE-SUPPORTED INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER**  
103             **EDUCATION, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, MAKING AN**  
104             **APPROPRIATION.**

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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>.)*

Under current law, state-supported institutions of higher education (institution) must generally maintain a required ratio of resident student

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.  
*Capital letters indicate new material to be added to existing statute.  
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admissions to nonresident student admissions. The bill allows an institution to count a student who is admitted as a Colorado scholar as 2 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.

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

2           **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 23-1-113.5, **add** (5)  
3 as follows:

4           **23-1-113.5. Commission directive - resident admissions -**  
5 **definitions.** (5) (a) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY PROVISION OF THIS SECTION  
6 TO THE CONTRARY, BEGINNING IN THE FALL SEMESTER OF 2013, A  
7 STATE-SUPPORTED INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION OR A CAMPUS OF  
8 THE INSTITUTION MAY COUNT EACH COLORADO SCHOLAR WHO ENROLLS  
9 AT THE INSTITUTION OR THE CAMPUS OF THE INSTITUTION AS TWO  
10 IN-STATE STUDENTS FOR PURPOSES OF CALCULATING THE PERCENTAGES  
11 AND FRACTIONS OF IN-STATE STUDENTS REQUIRED IN THIS SECTION.

12           (b) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY PROVISION OF THIS SECTION TO THE  
13 CONTRARY, BEGINNING IN THE FALL SEMESTER OF 2013, A  
14 STATE-SUPPORTED INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION OR A CAMPUS OF  
15 THE INSTITUTION MEETS THE REQUIREMENTS SPECIFIED IN SUBPARAGRAPH  
16 (IV) OF PARAGRAPH (a) OF SUBSECTION (4) OF THIS SECTION IF THE  
17 PERCENTAGE OF IN-STATE STUDENTS ADMITTED TO THE INSTITUTION OR  
18 TO EACH CAMPUS OF THE INSTITUTION BASED ON CRITERIA THAT ARE IN  
19 LIEU OF THE ESTABLISHED STATEWIDE CRITERIA AS PROVIDED IN SECTION

1 23-1-113 (1) (b) PLUS THE PERCENTAGE OF IN-STATE STUDENTS  
2 ENROLLING AS COLORADO SCHOLARS EXCEEDS THE PERCENTAGE OF  
3 NONRESIDENT STUDENTS ADMITTED TO THE INSTITUTION OR TO EACH  
4 CAMPUS OF THE INSTITUTION BASED ON CRITERIA THAT ARE IN LIEU OF THE  
5 ESTABLISHED STATEWIDE CRITERIA.

6 (c) THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SUBSECTION (5) APPLY ONLY TO A  
7 STATE-SUPPORTED INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION, OR TO A CAMPUS  
8 OF THE INSTITUTION, THAT ESTABLISHES AND FUNDS A COLORADO  
9 SCHOLAR PROGRAM.

10 (d) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY PROVISION OF THIS SUBSECTION (5) TO  
11 THE CONTRARY, THE NUMBER OF COLORADO SCHOLARS THAT EACH  
12 INSTITUTION COUNTS FOR PURPOSES OF SUBPARAGRAPHS (a) AND (b) OF  
13 THIS SUBSECTION (5) IN AN ACADEMIC YEAR SHALL NOT EXCEED EIGHT  
14 PERCENT OF THE TOTAL NUMBER OF IN-STATE STUDENTS THAT THE  
15 INSTITUTION COUNTS IN THE APPLICABLE FRACTION OR PERCENTAGE IN  
16 THAT ACADEMIC YEAR.

17 (e) AS USED IN THIS SUBSECTION (5):

18 (I) "COLORADO SCHOLAR" MEANS AN IN-STATE STUDENT WHO IS  
19 ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE IN AN INSTITUTIONAL COLORADO SCHOLAR  
20 PROGRAM AND IS DESIGNATED BY THE STATE-SUPPORTED INSTITUTION OF  
21 HIGHER EDUCATION AS A COLORADO SCHOLAR. A STUDENT IS ELIGIBLE TO  
22 PARTICIPATE IN A COLORADO SCHOLAR PROGRAM ONLY IF THE STUDENT  
23 GRADUATES IN THE TOP TEN PERCENT OF THE STUDENT'S HIGH SCHOOL  
24 CLASS OR GRADUATES WITH AT LEAST A 3.75 GRADE POINT AVERAGE,  
25 HAVING COMPLETED A HIGHLY RIGOROUS COLLEGE PREPARATORY  
26 CURRICULUM, AND MEETS ANY ADDITIONAL CRITERIA ESTABLISHED BY  
27 THE INSTITUTION.

1 (II) "COLORADO SCHOLAR PROGRAM" MEANS AN INSTITUTIONAL  
2 PROGRAM OR GROUP OF PROGRAMS THAT AWARDS INSTITUTIONAL  
3 FINANCIAL AID OR SCHOLARSHIPS TO UNDERGRADUATE, DEGREE-SEEKING,  
4 IN-STATE STUDENTS, WITH THE GOAL OF ATTRACTING IN-STATE STUDENTS  
5 TO AND RETAINING THEM IN COLORADO INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER  
6 EDUCATION. A STATE-SUPPORTED INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION  
7 SHALL PROVIDE EACH STUDENT WHO IS DESIGNATED AS A COLORADO  
8 SCHOLAR FOR PURPOSES OF PARAGRAPHS (a) AND (b) OF THIS SUBSECTION  
9 (5) AT LEAST TWO THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS IN ANNUAL  
10 FINANCIAL AID OR SCHOLARSHIP MONEYS THROUGH THE INSTITUTION'S  
11 COLORADO SCHOLAR PROGRAM.

12 **SECTION 2. Appropriation.** In addition to any other  
13 appropriation, there is hereby appropriated, out of any moneys in the  
14 general fund not otherwise appropriated, to the department of higher  
15 education, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2013, the sum of  
16 \$3,000,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, for allocation to the  
17 Colorado commission on higher education financial aid for merit-based  
18 grants.

19 **SECTION 3. Effective date.** (1) Except as otherwise provided in  
20 this section, this act takes effect upon passage.

21 (2) Section 2 of this act takes effect upon the effective date of this  
22 act or House Bill 13-1144, whichever is later, and only if:

23 (a) The final fiscal note prepared by legislative council staff for  
24 House Bill 13-1144 reflects a net increase in general fund revenue for  
25 fiscal year 2013-14 that is equal to or greater than the amount of the  
26 general fund appropriation made for the implementation of this act for  
27 state fiscal year 2013-14 as reflected in section 2 of this act; and

1 (b) House Bill 13-1144 is enacted and becomes law; and

2 (c) The staff director of the joint budget committee files written  
3 notice with the revisor of statutes no later than July 1, 2013, that the  
4 requirement set forth in paragraph (a) of this subsection (2) has been met.

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