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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING COORDINATING COLORADO'S PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND**
102 **INDUSTRIES FOR WORKFORCE OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENTS.**

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 state work force development council (state council) in the department of labor and employment and the department of education to coordinate efforts to:

- ! Provide technical assistance to schools regarding federal and state programs and statutory requirements relating to career and workforce opportunities;

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.

- ! Identify local industry and workforce needs;
- ! Identify existing apprenticeship and training programs;
- ! Develop resources for public schools to partner with industry sector partnerships;
- ! Facilitate industry engagement in middle school and high school classrooms;
- ! Work with other state agencies and industry to develop industry internships and opportunities for high school students;
- ! Identify and share best practices for implementing career pathways and career-ready skills for students; and
- ! Strengthen relationships with state agencies to be an effective point of contact for information and assistance to maximize opportunities for students.

The bill requires the department of education and the state council to report annually on progress in the Colorado talent report.

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 24-46.3-104 as
 3 follows:

4 **24-46.3-104. Coordination with department of education -**
 5 **career pathways - reporting - legislative declaration.** (1) THE
 6 GENERAL ASSEMBLY FINDS AND DECLARES THAT:

7 (a) COLORADO HAS ONE OF THE HIGHEST YOUTH UNEMPLOYMENT
 8 RATES IN THE COUNTRY;

9 (b) THOUSANDS OF JOBS ACROSS THE STATE REQUIRE AN INDUSTRY
 10 CERTIFICATE FOR EMPLOYMENT;

11 (c) IN PARTNERSHIP WITH COLORADO BUSINESSES AND INDUSTRIES
 12 AND IN RESPONSE TO INDUSTRY NEEDS, COLORADO HAS DEVELOPED
 13 SECTOR PARTNERSHIPS WITH LOCAL INDUSTRY AND MULTIPLE CAREER
 14 CLUSTERS AND CAREER PATHWAYS FOR ENTRY INTO THE WORKFORCE;

15 (d) COLORADO'S PUBLIC SECONDARY SCHOOLS CAN ASSIST IN
 16 MEETING WORKFORCE AND INDUSTRY NEEDS BY PREPARING HIGH SCHOOL

1 STUDENTS WITH WORK-READY SKILLS AND AFFORDING THEM THE
2 INDUSTRY CREDENTIALS NECESSARY TO MOVE SEAMLESSLY INTO
3 COLORADO'S HIGH-DEMAND INDUSTRIES;

4 (e) PUBLIC SCHOOLS NEED ADDITIONAL SUPPORT TO BETTER
5 UNDERSTAND WORKFORCE NEEDS AND CONNECT WITH LOCAL INDUSTRY
6 PARTNERS AND TO NAVIGATE THE CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION
7 PROGRAMS AND WORKFORCE OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE TO THEIR
8 STUDENTS; AND

9 (f) THE BEST WAY TO ENSURE THAT PUBLIC SCHOOLS RECEIVE
10 EFFECTIVE SUPPORT IS TO STRENGTHEN THE COLLABORATION BETWEEN
11 THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND
12 EMPLOYMENT, THEREBY MORE EFFECTIVELY INTEGRATING COLORADO'S
13 WORKFORCE NEEDS INTO COLORADO'S PUBLIC EDUCATION SYSTEM FOR
14 THE BENEFIT OF STUDENTS.

15 (2) AS PART OF FACILITATING STRONGER PARTNERSHIPS BETWEEN
16 PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND INDUSTRY TO PROVIDE STUDENTS WITH CAREER
17 OPPORTUNITIES UPON GRADUATION, THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION,
18 CREATED IN SECTION 24-1-115, AND THE STATE WORK FORCE
19 DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL, CREATED IN SECTION 24-46.3-101, SHALL WORK
20 IN CLOSE COLLABORATION TO:

21 (a) PROVIDE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO PUBLIC SCHOOLS
22 REGARDING THE FEDERAL AND STATE PROGRAMS AND STATUTORY
23 REQUIREMENTS RELATING TO CAREER AND WORKFORCE OPPORTUNITIES
24 FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS AND ANY FUNDING THAT MAY BE AVAILABLE
25 FOR THOSE PROGRAMS;

26 (b) IDENTIFY LOCAL INDUSTRY AND WORKFORCE NEEDS AND
27 EXISTING EDUCATIONAL TOOLS AND RESOURCES TO MEET THOSE NEEDS;

1 (c) IDENTIFY EXISTING APPRENTICESHIP AND TRAINING PROGRAMS;

2 (d) DEVELOP NEW TOOLS AND RESOURCES TO ASSIST PUBLIC
3 SCHOOLS IN PARTNERING WITH INDUSTRY SECTOR PARTNERSHIPS TO
4 STRENGTHEN COLORADO'S TALENT PIPELINE;

5 (e) FACILITATE AND PROMOTE OPPORTUNITIES FOR INDUSTRY TO
6 ENGAGE IN THE CLASSROOM WITH STUDENTS IN GRADES SIX THROUGH
7 TWELVE;

8 (f) INFORM PUBLIC SCHOOL PRACTICES TO ENSURE THAT STUDENTS
9 GRADUATE WITH HIGH-DEMAND SKILLS;

10 (g) COLLABORATE WITH OTHER STATE AGENCIES, LOCAL
11 INDUSTRY, AND PUBLIC SCHOOLS TO DEVELOP INDUSTRY INTERNSHIPS AND
12 OTHER WORK EXPERIENCES FOR STUDENTS ENROLLED IN HIGH SCHOOL;

13 (h) IDENTIFY BEST PRACTICES FOR EFFECTIVE IMPLEMENTATION IN
14 GRADES NINE THROUGH TWELVE OF CAREER PATHWAYS AND
15 CAREER-READY SKILLS FOR STUDENTS AND CREATE TEMPLATES FOR
16 PUBLIC SCHOOLS BASED UPON THESE BEST PRACTICES; AND

17 (i) STRENGTHEN RELATIONSHIPS AMONG THE DEPARTMENT OF
18 EDUCATION, THE DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION, THE DEPARTMENT
19 OF LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT, THE COLORADO OFFICE OF ECONOMIC
20 DEVELOPMENT, AND INDUSTRY PARTNERS TO CREATE AN EFFECTIVE POINT
21 OF CONTACT FOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND LOCAL INDUSTRY TO MAXIMIZE
22 OPPORTUNITIES FOR A STUDENT'S ENTRY INTO AND SUCCESS WITHIN THE
23 STATE'S WORKFORCE.

24 (3) THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND THE STATE WORK FORCE
25 DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL SHALL REVIEW THE DUTIES DESCRIBED IN THIS
26 SECTION AND REPORT ANNUAL PROGRESS IN IMPLEMENTING THE GOALS OF
27 THIS SECTION AS PART OF THE STATE WORK FORCE DEVELOPMENT

1 COUNCIL'S ANNUAL COLORADO TALENT REPORT PREPARED PURSUANT TO
2 SECTION 24-46.3-103 (3).

3 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-7-1015, **add** (5)
4 as follows:

5 **22-7-1015. Postsecondary and workforce readiness program**
6 **- technical assistance.** (5) THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION SHALL ALSO
7 WORK IN CLOSE COLLABORATION WITH THE STATE WORK FORCE
8 DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL, PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION
9 24-46.3-104, C.R.S., TO IDENTIFY BEST PRACTICES AND PROVIDE
10 TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND RESOURCES RELATING TO CAREER PATHWAYS
11 AND INDUSTRY PARTNERSHIPS WITH LOCAL EDUCATION PROVIDERS.

12 **SECTION 3. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act
13 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the
14 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly (August
15 5, 2015, if adjournment sine die is on May 6, 2015); except that, if a
16 referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the
17 state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act
18 within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take effect
19 unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in
20 November 2016 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the
21 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.