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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING AREA VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS.**

Bill Summary

(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not necessarily reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted.)

Allows the governing body of an area vocational school to identify the area vocational school as a technical college. Directs the state board for community colleges and occupational education to adopt policies to ensure the transfer of credits from area vocational schools to institutions within the state system of community and technical colleges.

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

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
3rd Reading Unamended
February 24, 2004

HOUSE
2nd Reading Unamended
February 23, 2004

1 **SECTION 1.** 23-60-103 (1), Colorado Revised Statutes, is
2 amended to read:

3 **23-60-103. Definitions.** As used in this article, unless the context
4 otherwise requires:

5 (1) "Area vocational school" means a school offering approved
6 postsecondary vocational programs for credit, operated by a local school
7 district or by a board of cooperative services, and designated by the
8 general assembly as an area vocational school in conformity with
9 standards established by the state board for community colleges and
10 occupational education. Tuition rates and fees charged any person not
11 enrolled in a secondary school curriculum shall be uniform for any group
12 classification. For the purposes of this article, the following SCHOOLS, AS
13 NAMED IN THIS SUBSECTION (1) OR AS THEIR NAMES MAY BE CHANGED
14 PURSUANT TO SECTION 23-60-801, are declared to be area vocational
15 schools: The Emily Griffith opportunity school, the San Juan basin area
16 vocational school, the Delta-Montrose area vocational school, and the
17 Aurora tech center.

18 **SECTION 2.** Article 60 of title 23, Colorado Revised Statutes,
19 is amended BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW PART to read:

20 PART 8

21 AREA VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS

22 **23-60-801. Area vocational schools - name.** THE SCHOOL
23 DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION OR THE BOARD OF COOPERATIVE
24 SERVICES, WHICHEVER IS APPLICABLE, THAT ACTS AS THE GOVERNING
25 BOARD OF AN AREA VOCATIONAL SCHOOL MAY, BY RESOLUTION, RENAME
26 THE AREA VOCATIONAL SCHOOL TO IDENTIFY IT AS A TECHNICAL COLLEGE.
27 IDENTIFYING AN AREA VOCATIONAL SCHOOL AS A TECHNICAL COLLEGE

1 SHALL NOT CHANGE ITS STATUS AS AN AREA VOCATIONAL SCHOOL NOR
2 CHANGE THE GOVERNANCE OR OPERATION OF THE AREA VOCATIONAL
3 SCHOOL.

4 **23-60-802. Area vocational schools - credits - transfer.** ON OR
5 BEFORE SEPTEMBER 1, 2004, THE BOARD SHALL ADOPT POLICIES TO
6 ENSURE THAT, IF A STUDENT GRADUATES FROM AN AREA VOCATIONAL
7 SCHOOL AND SUBSEQUENTLY ENROLLS IN AN INSTITUTION WITHIN THE
8 STATE SYSTEM OF COMMUNITY AND TECHNICAL COLLEGES, OR TRANSFERS
9 FROM AN AREA VOCATIONAL SCHOOL TO AN INSTITUTION WITHIN THE
10 STATE SYSTEM OF COMMUNITY AND TECHNICAL COLLEGES, THE COURSE
11 CREDITS EARNED BY THE STUDENT WHILE ENROLLED IN THE AREA
12 VOCATIONAL SCHOOL TRANSFER IN FULL TO THE INSTITUTION IN WHICH
13 THE STUDENT SUBSEQUENTLY ENROLLS.

14 **SECTION 3. Effective date.** This act shall take effect at 12:01
15 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the ninety-day period after
16 final adjournment of the general assembly that is allowed for submitting
17 a referendum petition pursuant to article V, section 1 (3) of the state
18 constitution (August 4, 2004, if adjournment sine die is on May 5, 2004);
19 except that, if a referendum petition is filed against this act or an item,
20 section, or part of this act within such period, then the act, item, section,
21 or part, if approved by the people, shall take effect on the date of the
22 official declaration of the vote thereon by proclamation of the governor.