

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Colorado:

Section 1. In Colorado Revised Statutes, **amend** 23-1-113.5 (1) as follows:

(1) It is the intent of the general assembly that all state-supported institutions of higher education operate primarily to serve and educate the people of Colorado. The general assembly therefore directs the commission to develop admission policies to ensure that, beginning with the fall term of 1994 and for the fall term of each year thereafter, not less than fifty-five percent of the incoming freshman class at each state-supported institution of higher education are in-state students as defined in section 23-7-102 (5). Commencing with the fall term of 1995, this requirement shall be met if the percentage of in-state students in the incoming freshman class for the then current fall term and the two previous fall terms averages not less than fifty-five percent. Such fifty-five percent requirement shall also apply to the percentage of incoming freshmen students who are admitted based on criteria other than standardized test scores, high school class rank, and high school grade point average pursuant to section 23-1-113 AND INCOMING FRESHMEN STUDENTS ADMITTED BY AUTOMATIC ADMISSION PROCEDURES.

Section 2. In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 23-1-113.5 (1.5) as follows:

(1.5) (a) EACH STATE-SUPPORTED INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION SHALL ADMIT AN APPLICANT FOR ADMISSION TO THE INSTITUTION AS AN INCOMING FRESHMAN STUDENT IF THE APPLICANT GRADUATED IN THE SCHOOL YEAR PRECEDING THE ACADEMIC YEAR FOR WHICH THE APPLICANT IS APPLYING FOR ADMISSION FROM A PUBLIC OR PRIVATE HIGH SCHOOL IN THIS STATE ACCREDITED BY A GENERALLY RECOGNIZED ACCREDITING ORGANIZATION WITH A GRADE POINT AVERAGE IN THE TOP 10 PERCENT OF THE STUDENT'S HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATING CLASS. TO QUALIFY FOR ADMISSION

UNDER THIS SECTION, AN APPLICANT MUST SUBMIT AN APPLICATION BEFORE THE EXPIRATION OF ANY APPLICATION FILING DEADLINE ESTABLISHED BY THE INSTITUTION. ADMISSION GRANTED UNDER THESE PROCEDURES MUST BE KEPT AVAILABLE UNTIL THE 31ST OF JANUARY OF THE RESPECTIVE APPLICATION SEASON. THE APPLICANT MUST ALSO HAVE COMPLETED THE FOLLOWING:

(I) COMPLETED ALL CLASS REQUIREMENTS FOR ADMITTANCE SET BY THE HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTION

(II) COMPLIED WITH THE HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTION'S RULES ON MORAL CONDUCT

(b) AFTER ADMITTING AN APPLICANT UNDER THIS SECTION, THE INSTITUTION SHALL REVIEW THE APPLICANT'S RECORD AND ANY OTHER FACTOR THE INSTITUTION CONSIDERS APPROPRIATE TO DETERMINE WHETHER THE APPLICANT MAY REQUIRE ADDITIONAL PREPARATION FOR COLLEGE LEVEL WORK OR WOULD BENEFIT FROM INCLUSION IN A RETENTION PROGRAM. THE INSTITUTION MAY REQUIRE A STUDENT SO IDENTIFIED TO ENROLL DURING THE SUMMER IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE STUDENT IS ADMITTED UNDER THIS SECTION TO PARTICIPATE IN APPROPRIATE ENRICHMENT COURSES AND ORIENTATION PROGRAMS. THIS SECTION DOES NOT PROHIBIT A STUDENT WHO IS NOT DETERMINED TO NEED ADDITIONAL PREPARATION FOR COLLEGE LEVEL WORK FROM ENROLLING, IF THE STUDENT CHOOSES, DURING THE SUMMER IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE STUDENT IS ADMITTED UNDER THIS SECTION.

(c) A GRADUATING STUDENT WHO DOES NOT QUALIFY FOR ADMISSION UNDER (1.5)(a) MAY APPLY TO ANY HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTION

(d) HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS ARE NOT REQUIRED TO OFFER ADMISSION TO APPLICANTS WHO QUALIFY FOR AUTOMATIC ADMISSION BY (1.5)(a) IN EXCESS OF THE NUMBER REQUIRED TO FILL 75% OF THE UNIVERSITY'S

ENROLLMENT CAPACITY DESIGNATED FOR INCOMING FRESHMAN STUDENTS FOR THAT ACADEMIC YEAR. THE HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTION SHALL OFFER ADMISSION TO ALL APPLICANTS REQUESTING ADMISSION BY (1.5)(a) BY PERCENTILE RANK, BEGINNING WITH THE TOP PERCENTILE RANK AND PROCEEDING UNTIL THE APPLICANTS ADMITTED ARE EQUAL TO THE NUMBER ESTIMATED IN GOOD FAITH BY THE INSTITUTION TO FILL **75%** OF THE UNIVERSITY'S INCOMING FRESHMAN ENROLLMENT CAPACITY, EXCEPT THAT THE INSTITUTION MUST OFFER ADMISSION TO ALL APPLICANTS WITH THE SAME PERCENTILE RANK AS THE LAST ADMITTED. AFTER SUCH AUTOMATIC ADMISSIONS HAVE TAKEN PLACE, ALL GRADUATES REQUESTING ADMISSION UNDER (1.5)(a) THAT HAVE NOT BEEN ADMITTED SHALL BE CONSIDERED AS STANDARD IN-STATE APPLICANTS.

(e) THE PERCENTILE GPA NECESSARY TO ENTER THE HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTION FOR THE CURRENT APPLICATION PERIOD, AS OF THE LAST WEEK IF WITHIN THE APPLICATION WINDOW, AND FOR THE PREVIOUS APPLICATION PERIOD OTHERWISE, UNDER (1.5)(d), AND IF (1.5)(d) DOES NOT APPLY THEN (1.5)(a), SHALL BE VISIBLE ON THE HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTION'S WEBSITE. THIS FIGURE FOR THE PAST APPLICATION PERIOD SHALL ADDITIONALLY BE SENT TO ALL SCHOOL DISTRICTS AFTER THE END OF THE APPLICATION WINDOW FOR THE DISSEMINATION OF THE INFORMATION TO HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS AND THEIR PARENTS.

(f) THE HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS SHALL APPLY TO, BUT NOT LIMITED TO: THE COLORADO SCHOOL OF MINES, THE UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO SYSTEM, ADAMS STATE UNIVERSITY, COLORADO MESA UNIVERSITY, WESTERN COLORADO UNIVERSITY, FORT LEWIS COLLEGE, COLORADO STATE

UNIVERSITY, METROPOLITAN STATE UNIVERSITY, AND THE UNIVERSITY OF
NORTHERN COLORADO.

Section 3. In Colorado Revised Statutes, **repeal** 23-1-113.5 (d.5) as follows:

~~(d.5) An institution of higher education shall make an effort to recruit in-state students who graduated from a high school that is a rural school or in a rural school district, as defined in section 23-76-102 (4).~~

Section 4. Effective date - Nov 31st, 2025.