

SENATE COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE REPORT

April 14, 2022

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Chair of Committee

Date

Committee on Education.

After consideration on the merits, the Committee recommends the following:

SB22-192 be amended as follows, and as so amended, be referred to the Committee on Appropriations with favorable recommendation:

- 1 Amend printed bill, page 3, after line 1 insert:
  - 2 "(e) The COVID-19 pandemic exacerbated workforce challenges
  - 3 and institutions of higher education were required to pivot and accelerate
  - 4 a response to workforce demands by creating short-term programs to
  - 5 respond to immediate workforce needs. There is a continued need to
  - 6 ensure that these short-term programs have value and transparency and
  - 7 can be incorporated into degree pathways to best serve learner and earner
  - 8 needs;".
- 9 Reletter succeeding paragraphs accordingly.
- 10 Page 5, line 11, strike "INSTITUTIONS," and substitute "INSTITUTIONS AND
- 11 AT LEAST ONE BUSINESS ORGANIZATION OR REPRESENTATIVE OF
- 12 INDUSTRY,".
- 13 Page 5, strike lines 22 through 27 and substitute:
  - 14 "(a) EVALUATE THE QUALITY OF NONDEGREE CREDENTIALS THAT
  - 15 ARE CURRENTLY AVAILABLE THAT LEAD TO IN-DEMAND LIVING WAGE JOBS
  - 16 IDENTIFIED IN THE MOST RECENT COLORADO TALENT REPORT AND
  - 17 RESPOND TO CRITICAL JOB SHORTAGES IN COLORADO. THE DEPARTMENT,
  - 18 IN COLLABORATION WITH INSTITUTIONS, SHALL EVALUATE THE QUALITY
  - 19 OF NONDEGREE CREDENTIALS USING THE FRAMEWORK AND PROCESS
  - 20 CREATED IN THIS SUBSECTION (2) AND INFORMED BY ONE OR MORE
  - 21 QUALITY STANDARDS FRAMEWORKS DEVELOPED BY NATIONAL
  - 22 ORGANIZATIONS.".
- 23 Page 6, strike lines 1 and 2.

- 1      Page 8, line 5, after "SECTION." insert "THE DEPARTMENT SHALL SPEND OR  
2      OBLIGATE ANY MONEY BY DECEMBER 31, 2024. ANY MONEY OBLIGATED  
3      BY DECEMBER 31, 2024, MUST BE EXPENDED BY DECEMBER 31, 2026.".
- 4      Page 9, line 15, strike "SECTION 23-60-205." and substitute "SECTION 23-  
5      60-205 OR INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION THAT OFFER CAREER AND  
6      TECHNICAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS OR ASSOCIATE DEGREES."
- 7      Page 11, after line 18 insert:  
8                **"SECTION 4.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 23-3.3-1006, amend  
9                (1)(a)(I) as follows:  
10                **23-3.3-1006. Colorado opportunity scholarship initiative -**  
11                **federal money - institutional allocations - purposes - reporting - rules**  
12                **- definitions - repeal.** (1) As used in this section, unless the context  
13                otherwise requires:  
14                (a) "Eligible student" means an undergraduate, in-state student  
15                who:  
16                (I) Earned some postsecondary credits from a public or private  
17                higher education institution but did not complete a credential REQUIRING  
18                THIRTY CREDITS OR MORE before deciding not to enroll for two or more  
19                consecutive semesters; or".
- 20      Rerumber succeeding sections accordingly.

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