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**HOUSE BILL 17-1081**

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**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

101     **CONCERNING AUTHORITY TO OFFER IN-STATE TUITION**  
102         **CLASSIFICATION AT STATE-SUPPORTED INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER**  
103         **EDUCATION FOR ATHLETES TRAINING IN COLORADO IN**  
104         **PROGRAMS APPROVED BY THE UNITED STATES OLYMPIC**  
105         **COMMITTEE.**

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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://leg.colorado.gov>.)*

The bill allows a state-supported institution of higher education to charge in-state tuition to an athlete residing anywhere in Colorado and

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.*

training in an elite level program in Colorado approved by the United States Olympic committee and the governing body of an Olympic, Paralympic, Pan American, or Parapan American sport. The bill removes the requirement in current law that athletes must be residing in Colorado Springs.

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

2           **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 23-7-105, **amend** (1)  
3       as follows:

4           **23-7-105. Tuition classification of olympic athletes.**

5       (1) Notwithstanding any other provision of this ~~article~~ ARTICLE 7 to the  
6       contrary, but subject to subsections (2) and (3) of this section, every  
7       athlete who otherwise would not be classified as an in-state student for  
8       tuition purposes under this article may be classified as an in-state student  
9       for purposes of tuition at any state-supported institution of higher  
10      education if the athlete is:

11           (a) In residence and in training at the United States olympic  
12       training center at Colorado Springs; OR

13           (b) ~~In residence in Colorado Springs and in training at the olympic~~  
14       ~~training center at Colorado Springs in a program approved by the~~  
15       ~~governing body for the athlete's olympic sport; or~~

16           (c) ~~In residence RESIDING in Colorado Springs and in training at~~  
17       ~~a facility in Colorado Springs IN AN ELITE LEVEL PROGRAM IN COLORADO~~  
18       ~~approved by the UNITED STATES OLYMPIC COMMITTEE AND THE governing~~  
19       ~~body for the athlete's olympic, PARALYMPIC, PAN AMERICAN, OR PARAPAN~~  
20       ~~AMERICAN sport. and in a program approved by such body.~~

21           **SECTION 2. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act  
22       takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the  
23       ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly (August

1       9, 2017, if adjournment sine die is on May 10, 2017); except that, if a  
2       referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the  
3       state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act  
4       within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take effect  
5       unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in  
6       November 2018 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the  
7       official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.