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HOUSE BILL 26-1016

HOUSE SPONSORSHIP

Phillips,

SENATE SPONSORSHIP

(None),

House Committees
Education

Senate Committees

A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING THE CONTINUATION OF OPEN EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES**
102 **POLICIES.**

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 extends the repeal date of the open educational resources grant program and the Colorado open educational resources council (council) from November 1, 2026, to November 1, 2031. The bill increases the membership of the council from 12 to 15 members.

Under current law, the department of higher education prepares and submits an annual report regarding open educational resources in the

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.
Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material to be added to existing law.
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state. The bill extends the requirement for this report from its current end date of December 1, 2026, to December 31, 2031.

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 23-1-134, **amend** (3)
3 introductory portion and (3)(c) as follows:

4 **23-1-134. Commission directive - open educational resources**
5 **- course notice - report - definitions.**

6 (3) Notwithstanding the requirement in section 24-1-136
7 (11)(a)(I), on or before October 1, 2021, and ~~on or before December 1~~
8 ~~each year thereafter through December 1, 2026~~ ANNUALLY THEREAFTER
9 UNTIL DECEMBER 31, 2031, the department shall prepare and shall submit
10 to the commission, the council, the joint budget committee, and the
11 education committees of the senate and the house of representatives, or
12 any successor committees, a report concerning implementation and
13 development of open educational resources around the state. The
14 department shall work with the council in preparing the report, and the
15 public institutions of higher education shall collaborate with the
16 department and council in providing the information necessary for the
17 report. At a minimum, the report must include:

18 (c) The number and percentage of the courses offered by the
19 public institutions of higher education that ~~use open educational resources~~
20 ~~as the primary resources for the course~~ ARE ZERO TEXTBOOK COST FOR
21 STUDENTS;

22 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 23-4.5-103, **amend**
23 (1)(a) introductory portion, (1)(a)(II), (1)(a)(IV), (1)(a)(V), and (1)(a)(VI)
24 as follows:

25 **23-4.5-103. Colorado open educational resources council -**

1 **created - duties - report.**

2 (1) There is created in the department of higher education the
3 Colorado open educational resources council, which is composed of the
4 following members:

5 (a) ~~Twelve~~ FIFTEEN persons from public institutions of higher
6 education appointed by the executive director as follows:

7 (II) ~~Three~~ FOUR library professionals;

8 (IV) ~~One~~ TWO instructional design ~~expert~~ EXPERTS;

9 (V) One ~~informational technology expert~~ ACADEMIC
10 TECHNOLOGIST; and

11 (VI) ~~One administrator~~ TWO ADMINISTRATORS;

12 **SECTION 3.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **amend** 23-4.5-106
13 as follows:

14 **23-4.5-106. Repeal of article.**

15 This article 4.5 is repealed, effective ~~November 1, 2026~~
16 NOVEMBER 1, 2031.

17 **SECTION 4. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act
18 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the
19 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly (August
20 12, 2026, if adjournment sine die is on May 13, 2026); except that, if a
21 referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the
22 state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act
23 within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take effect
24 unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in
25 November 2026 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the
26 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.