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**HOUSE BILL 22-1215** 

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Education Appropriations

### A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING EXPANDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR HIGH SCHOOL
102 STUDENTS TO ENROLL IN POSTSECONDARY COURSES.

## **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 <a href="http://leg.colorado.gov">http://leg.colorado.gov</a>.)

The bill directs the commissioner of education (commissioner) to convene the early college policy development task force (task force) to design and recommend policies and changes to law to support the statewide development of and funding for early college programs and p-tech schools. The bill specifies the membership of the task force, to be selected by the commissioner, and the specific duties of the task force.

The task force must prepare an interim report and a final report of its findings and recommendations, and submit the reports by December 1, 2022, and December 1, 2023, respectively, to the governor, the education leadership council, the state board of education, the Colorado commission on higher education, and the education committees of the general assembly. The bill creates a legislative advisory council to provide advice and comment to the task force.

| 1  | Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado: |
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| 2  | SECTION 1. In Colorado Revised Statutes, add part 2 to article  |
| 3  | 35.3 of title 22 as follows:                                    |
| 4  | PART 2  |
| 5  | SECONDARY, POSTSECONDARY, AND                                   |
| 6  | WORK-BASED LEARNING INTEGRATION                                 |
| 7  | 22-35.3-201. Legislative declaration. (1) THE GENERAL           |
| 8  | ASSEMBLY FINDS THAT:  |
| 9  | (a) COLORADO'S ECONOMIC VITALITY DEPENDS ON A HIGHLY            |
| 10 | EDUCATED, SKILLED, AND DIVERSE WORKFORCE READY TO MEET THE JOB  |
| 11 | DEMANDS OF A POST-PANDEMIC WORLD. THIS REQUIRES A               |
| 12 | LEARNER-CENTERED APPROACH TO EVALUATING CURRENT PROGRAMS        |
| 13 | DESIGNED TO INTEGRATE SECONDARY, POSTSECONDARY, AND             |
| 14 | WORK-BASED LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENTS ENROLLED IN HIGH |
| 15 | SCHOOL AND, ULTIMATELY, CREATING PATHWAYS AND WORKFORCE         |
| 16 | OPTIONS THAT BLUR THE LINES BETWEEN EDUCATION AND CAREER.       |
| 17 | (b) Colorado is considered a national leader in                 |
| 18 | CONCURRENT ENROLLMENT POLICY. THE STATE HAS ENACTED SEVERAL     |
| 19 | STATUTES AT DIFFERENT TIMES AUTHORIZING STUDENTS TO EARN        |
| 20 | COLLEGE CREDITS WHILE ENROLLED IN HIGH SCHOOLS. THESE STATUTES  |
| 21 | ADDRESS VARIOUS ASPECTS OF COLLEGE READINESS AND SUCCESS,       |
| 22 | INCLUDING CONCURRENT ENROLLMENT PROGRAMS AUTHORIZED IN          |

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| 1  | ARTICLE 35 OF THIS TITLE 22; THE ACCELERATING STUDENTS THROUGH                            |
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| 2  | CONCURRENT ENROLLMENT, OR ASCENT, PROGRAM CREATED IN SECTION                              |
| 3  | 22-35-108; PATHWAYS IN TECHNOLOGY EARLY COLLEGE, OR P-TECH, HIGH                          |
| 4  | SCHOOLS AUTHORIZED IN PART 1 OF THIS ARTICLE 35.3; THE TEACHER                            |
| 5  | RECRUITMENT EDUCATION AND PREPARATION, OR TREP, PROGRAM                                   |
| 6  | CREATED IN SECTION 22-35-108.5; ADVANCED PLACEMENT COURSES; THE                           |
| 7  | HIGH SCHOOL INNOVATIVE LEARNING PILOT PROGRAM CREATED IN                                  |
| 8  | ARTICLE 35.6 OF THIS TITLE 22; THE CAREER DEVELOPMENT SUCCESS                             |
| 9  | PROGRAM CREATED IN SECTION 22-54-138; AND THE FOURTH-YEAR                                 |
| 10 | INNOVATION PILOT PROGRAM CREATED IN PART $\boxed{13}$ OF ARTICLE $\boxed{3.3}$ OF         |
| 11 | TITLE 23.   |
| 12 | (c) THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY HAS ALSO ENACTED MANY STATUTES                                   |
| 13 | DIRECTING COMMUNITY COLLEGES AND THE STATE WORK FORCE                                     |
| 14 | DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL TO CREATE AND EXPAND CAREER PATHWAYS IN                               |
| 15 | A WIDE VARIETY OF CAREERS, RANGING FROM MANUFACTURING CAREER                              |
| 16 | PATHWAYS TO INTEGRATED CAREER PATHWAYS WITHIN GROWING                                     |
| 17 | INDUSTRY SECTORS TO CAREER PATHWAYS FOR TEACHERS;   |
| 18 | (d) THESE PROGRAMS AND STATUTES HAVE LED TO A SIGNIFICANT                                 |
| 19 | EXPANSION OF WORK-BASED LEARNING AND PARTNERSHIPS WITH                                    |
| 20 | EMPLOYERS AND A NOTABLE INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF STUDENTS                                |
| 21 | COMPLETING INDUSTRY CREDENTIAL PROGRAMS, WORK-BASED LEARNING                              |
| 22 | EXPERIENCES, AND COURSES IN HIGH SCHOOLS THAT QUALIFY FOR BOTH                            |
| 23 | SECONDARY AND POSTSECONDARY CREDIT. THE DEPARTMENT OF                                     |
| 24 | EDUCATION REPORTS THAT, BETWEEN $\overline{2016}$ and $\overline{2021}$ , over thirty-one |
| 25 | THOUSAND STUDENTS COMPLETED CREDENTIALS, WORK-BASED LEARNING                              |
| 26 | EXPERIENCES, AND QUALIFYING ADVANCED PLACEMENT COURSES                                    |
| 27 | THROUGH THE CAREER DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVE PROGRAM ALONE.                                   |

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| 1  | (e) IN ADDITION, THERE ARE MORE THAN TWENTY EARLY                             |
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| 2  | COLLEGES AND SEVEN P-TECH SCHOOLS OPERATING WITHIN THE STATE,                 |
| 3  | AND THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ANNUALLY APPROPRIATES MONEY TO FUND                  |
| 4  | UP TO FIVE HUNDRED ASCENT PROGRAM STUDENTS;                                   |
| 5  | (f) IMPORTANTLY, ALTHOUGH COLORADO HAS MANY EXAMPLES                          |
| 6  | OF INNOVATION THROUGH SECONDARY, POSTSECONDARY, AND                           |
| 7  | WORK-BASED LEARNING INTEGRATION PROGRAMS, THE SCALABILITY OF                  |
| 8  | THESE PROGRAMS, DESPITE THEIR SUCCESS, CAN BE LIMITED DUE TO                  |
| 9  | LEGAL, GEOGRAPHIC, AND FINANCIAL BARRIERS, AND THE MAJORITY OF                |
| 10 | THESE PROGRAMS ARE GENERALLY AVAILABLE ONLY TO STUDENTS IN                    |
| 11 | URBAN AND LARGER SCHOOL DISTRICTS;  |
| 12 | (g) The task force created in House $\overline{\text{Bill}}$ 21-1330 to study |
| 13 | ISSUES IN POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION RECOMMENDED THE STATE FOCUS                 |
| 14 | ON BLURRING THE BOUNDARIES BETWEEN HIGH SCHOOL, POSTSECONDARY                 |
| 15 | EDUCATION, AND THE WORKFORCE. THE FINAL REPORT CALLED FOR                     |
| 16 | EXPANDING INNOVATIVE HIGH SCHOOL, POSTSECONDARY, AND                          |
| 17 | WORKFORCE OPTIONS AND PATHWAYS, BROADLY INCLUDING WORK-BASED                  |
| 18 | LEARNING, CREDENTIAL COMPLETION, AND APPRENTICESHIPS AMONG                    |
| 19 | OTHER EXPERIENCES, WITH A FOCUS ON HIGH-NEED, IN-DEMAND,                      |
| 20 | HIGH-VALUE BUSINESS- AND INDUSTRY-FOCUSED CAREER PATHWAYS.                    |
| 21 | (h) WHILE THERE IS A CLEAR PATTERN OF POSITIVE IMPACTS ON                     |
| 22 | STUDENTS RESULTING FROM PARTICIPATION IN SECONDARY,                           |
| 23 | POSTSECONDARY, AND WORK-BASED LEARNING INTEGRATION PROGRAMS,                  |
| 24 | THE COMPLICATED AND INTERWOVEN SET OF ISSUES RELATED TO                       |
| 25 | PROGRAM APPROVAL, AVAILABILITY, AND FUNDING RESULT IN UNEQUAL                 |
| 26 | STUDENT ACCESS ACROSS THE STATE; AND  |
| 27 | (i) CONSEQUENTLY, THE STATE SHOULD PROVIDE WELL-INFORMED                      |

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| 1   | EDUCATORS, ADMINISTRATORS, AND POLICY PROFESSIONALS AN              |
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| 2   | OPPORTUNITY TO CAREFULLY DELIBERATE TO ENSURE THAT SUCCESSFUL,      |
| 3   | HIGH-PERFORMING PROGRAMS ARE NOT ADVERSELY IMPACTED WHILE           |
| 4   | STRATEGIES ARE DESIGNED TO ENABLE INNOVATION AND MORE EQUITABLE     |
| 5   | ACCESS TO SECONDARY, POSTSECONDARY, AND WORK-BASED LEARNING         |
| 6   | INTEGRATION PROGRAMS FOR STUDENTS IN ALL REGIONS OF THE STATE.      |
| 7   | (2) The general assembly finds, therefore, that it is               |
| 8   | NECESSARY TO DIRECT THE COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION, THE              |
| 9   | EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION, AND       |
| 10  | THE CHAIR OF THE STATE WORK FORCE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL TO            |
| 11  | CONVENE A SECONDARY, POSTSECONDARY, AND WORK-BASED LEARNING         |
| 12  | INTEGRATION PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT TASK FORCE TO DEVELOP AND           |
| 13  | RECOMMEND POLICIES, LAWS, AND RULES TO SUPPORT THE EQUITABLE        |
| 14  | AND SUSTAINABLE EXPANSION AND ALIGNMENT OF PROGRAMS THAT            |
| 15  | INTEGRATE SECONDARY, POSTSECONDARY, AND WORK-BASED LEARNING         |
| 16  | OPPORTUNITIES IN ALL REGIONS OF THE STATE.                          |
| 17  | <b>22-35.3-202. Definitions.</b> As used in this part 2, unless the |
| 18  | CONTEXT OTHERWISE REQUIRES:   |
| 19  | (1) "ASCENT PROGRAM" MEANS THE ACCELERATING STUDENTS                |
| 20  | THROUGH CONCURRENT ENROLLMENT PROGRAM CREATED IN SECTION            |
| 21  | 22-35-108.  |
| 22  | (2) "EARLY COLLEGE PROGRAM" MEANS AN EDUCATIONAL                    |
| 23  | PROGRAM THAT ENABLES A STUDENT TO SIMULTANEOUSLY EARN A HIGH        |
| 24  | SCHOOL DIPLOMA AND COMPLETE A POSTSECONDARY CERTIFICATE OR          |
| 25  | DEGREE.   |
| 26  | (3) "EDUCATION LEADERSHIP COUNCIL" MEANS THE GOVERNOR'S             |
| 2.7 | EDUCATION LEADERSHIP COUNCIL CREATED BY EXECUTIVE ORDER B           |

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| 2  | (4) "EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR" MEANS THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF                    |
| 3  | THE DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION.   |
| 4  | (5) "P-TECH SCHOOL" MEANS A PATHWAYS IN TECHNOLOGY EARLY                    |
| 5  | COLLEGE HIGH SCHOOL, OR PROGRAM WITHIN A HOST SCHOOL, THAT IS               |
| 6  | APPROVED PURSUANT TO PART 1 OF THIS ARTICLE 35.3.                           |
| 7  | (6) (a) "SECONDARY, POSTSECONDARY, AND WORK-BASED                           |
| 8  | LEARNING INTEGRATION PROGRAM" MEANS A PROGRAM THAT:                         |
| 9  | (I) IS AVAILABLE TO STUDENTS ENROLLED IN SECONDARY GRADES:                  |
| 10 | (II) INTEGRATES SECONDARY COURSE WORK WITH                                  |
| 11 | POSTSECONDARY COURSE WORK OR WORK-BASED LEARNING, OR BOTH;                  |
| 12 | (III) IS DESIGNED TO LEAD TO ATTAINMENT OF A HIGH SCHOOL                    |
| 13 | DIPLOMA AND A POSTSECONDARY CREDENTIAL, INCLUDING A DEGREE OR               |
| 14 | AN INDUSTRY-RECOGNIZED CERTIFICATE, BEFORE THE STUDENT                      |
| 15 | COMPLETES HIGH SCHOOL; AND  |
| 16 | (IV) MAY BE COMPLETED WITHIN FOUR, FIVE, OR SIX YEARS OF                    |
| 17 | HIGH SCHOOL ENROLLMENT.   |
| 18 | (b) "SECONDARY, POSTSECONDARY, AND WORK-BASED LEARNING                      |
| 19 | INTEGRATION PROGRAMS" INCLUDE, BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO, EARLY                |
| 20 | COLLEGE PROGRAMS, P-TECH SCHOOLS, THE ASCENT PROGRAM, THE                   |
| 21 | TREP PROGRAM, THE HIGH SCHOOL INNOVATIVE LEARNING PILOT                     |
| 22 | PROGRAM CREATED IN ARTICLE 35.6 OF THIS TITLE 22, THE CAREER                |
| 23 | DEVELOPMENT SUCCESS PROGRAM CREATED IN SECTION 22-54-138, AND               |
| 24 | THE FOURTH-YEAR INNOVATION PILOT PROGRAM CREATED IN PART $\overline{13}$ OF |
| 25 | ARTICLE 3.3 OF TITLE 23.  |
| 26 | (7) "STATE WORK FORCE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL" OR "STATE                        |
| 7  | COLNCIL" MEANS THE STATE WORK FORCE DEVELOPMENT COLNCIL                     |

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| 1  | CREATED IN THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT IN SECTION         |
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| 2  | 24-46.3-101.   |
| 3  | (8) "TASK FORCE" MEANS THE SECONDARY, POSTSECONDARY, AND             |
| 4  | WORK-BASED LEARNING INTEGRATION TASK FORCE CONVENED PURSUANT         |
| 5  | TO SECTION 22-35.3-203.  |
| 6  | (9) "TREP PROGRAM" MEANS THE TEACHER RECRUITMENT                     |
| 7  | EDUCATION AND PREPARATION PROGRAM CREATED IN SECTION                 |
| 8  | 22-35-108.5.   |
| 9  | (10) (a) "Work-based learning" means learning that                   |
| 10 | OCCURS, IN WHOLE OR IN PART, IN THE WORKPLACE AND PROVIDES YOUTH     |
| 11 | AND ADULTS WITH HANDS-ON REAL-WORLD EXPERIENCE AND TRAINING          |
| 12 | FOR SKILLS DEVELOPMENT.  |
| 13 | (b) "WORK-BASED LEARNING" INCLUDES ACTIVITIES SUCH AS JOB            |
| 14 | SHADOWING, INTERNSHIPS, EXTERNSHIPS, PRE-APPRENTICESHIPS,            |
| 15 | APPRENTICESHIPS, RESIDENCIES, AND INCUMBENT-WORKER TRAINING.         |
| 16 | 22-35.3-203. Secondary, postsecondary, and work-based                |
| 17 | learning integration task force. (1) NO LATER THAN JULY 1, 2022, THE |
| 18 | COMMISSIONER, THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, AND THE CHAIR OF THE STATE     |
| 19 | WORK FORCE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL SHALL JOINTLY CONVENE THE             |
| 20 | SECONDARY, POSTSECONDARY, AND WORK-BASED LEARNING INTEGRATION        |
| 21 | TASK FORCE. THE TASK FORCE MEMBERSHIP CONSISTS OF, AT A MINIMUM:     |
| 22 | (a) THE COMMISSIONER OR THE COMMISSIONER'S DESIGNEE;                 |
| 23 | (b) THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OR THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S               |
| 24 | DESIGNEE;  |
| 25 | (c) THE DIRECTOR OF THE STATE CAREER AND TECHNICAL                   |
| 26 | EDUCATION PROGRAM OR THE DIRECTOR'S DESIGNEE;                        |
| 27 | (d) THE CHAIR OF THE STATE COUNCIL OR THE CHAIR'S DESIGNEE.          |

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| 1  | AND   |
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| 2  | (e) THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS JOINTLY SELECTED BY THE             |
| 3  | COMMISSIONER, THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, AND THE STATE COUNCIL       |
| 4  | CHAIR:  |
| 5  | (I) REPRESENTATIVES FROM SECONDARY EDUCATION WHO HAVE             |
| 6  | EXPERIENCE IN CONCURRENT ENROLLMENT PROGRAMMING, INCLUDING, AT    |
| 7  | A MINIMUM, REPRESENTATIVES OF SCHOOL DISTRICT ADMINISTRATORS      |
| 8  | PRINCIPALS, TEACHERS, PARENTS, AND STUDENTS;                      |
| 9  | (II) REPRESENTATIVES FROM HIGHER EDUCATION WHO HAVE               |
| 10 | EXPERIENCE IN CONCURRENT ENROLLMENT PROGRAMMING, INCLUDING, AT    |
| 11 | A MINIMUM, REPRESENTATIVES OF FOUR-YEAR INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER    |
| 12 | EDUCATION, COMMUNITY COLLEGES, LOCAL DISTRICT COLLEGES, AREA      |
| 13 | TECHNICAL SCHOOLS, AND STUDENTS;                                  |
| 14 | (III) REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE EDUCATION LEADERSHIP               |
| 15 | COUNCIL;  |
| 16 | (IV) REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE DISABILITY COMMUNITY                |
| 17 | INCLUDING, AT A MINIMUM, REPRESENTATIVES OF DISABILITY ADVOCACY   |
| 18 | GROUPS;   |
| 19 | (V) REPRESENTATIVES OF THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY; AND                |
| 20 | (VI) REPRESENTATIVES FROM EDUCATION ADVOCACY GROUPS               |
| 21 | THAT ADDRESS HIGH SCHOOL, POSTSECONDARY, AND WORK-BASEL           |
| 22 | LEARNING INTEGRATION ISSUES.                                      |
| 23 | (2) The commissioner, the executive director, and the             |
| 24 | STATE COUNCIL CHAIR, OR THEIR DESIGNEES, SHALL SERVE AS CO-CHAIRS |
| 25 | OF THE TASK FORCE. THE TASK FORCE SHALL MEET AT THE CALL OF THE   |
| 26 | CO-CHAIRS AT LEAST FOUR TIMES FROM JULY 2022 THROUGH DECEMBER     |
| 27 | 2022 AND AT LEAST FOUR TIMES FROM MAY 2023 THROUGH DECEMBER       |

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| 1  | 2023. THE TASK FORCE IS A STATE PUBLIC BODY FOR PURPOSES OF SECTION |
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| 2  | 24-6-402, AND MEETINGS OF THE TASK FORCE ARE SUBJECT TO THE         |
| 3  | REQUIREMENTS OF SAID SECTION. THE TASK FORCE IS SUBJECT TO THE      |
| 4  | PROVISIONS OF THE "COLORADO OPEN RECORDS ACT", PART 2 OF ARTICLE    |
| 5  | 72 OF TITLE 24.   |
| 6  | (3) THE TASK FORCE MEMBERS SERVE WITHOUT COMPENSATION               |
| 7  | BUT MAY BE REIMBURSED FOR EXPENSES DIRECTLY RELATING TO THEIR       |
| 8  | SERVICE ON THE TASK FORCE.  |
| 9  | (4) THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION, HIGHER EDUCATION, AND             |
| 10 | LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT SHALL PROVIDE TO THE TASK FORCE STAFF          |
| 11 | SUPPORT AND MEETING SPACE UPON REQUEST OF THE CO-CHAIRS.            |
| 12 | 22-35.3-204. Task force duties - report. (1) THE TASK FORCE         |
| 13 | SHALL:  |
| 14 | (a) COORDINATE WITH THE EDUCATION LEADERSHIP COUNCIL AND            |
| 15 | THE STATE WORK FORCE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL IN COMPLETING ITS          |
| 16 | DUTIES;   |
| 17 | (b) DESIGN AND RECOMMEND COMPREHENSIVE, UNIFORM POLICIES            |
| 18 | THAT ENCOURAGE AND EMPOWER HIGH SCHOOLS AND POSTSECONDARY           |
| 19 | INSTITUTIONS TO CREATE AND SUSTAIN SECONDARY, POSTSECONDARY,        |
| 20 | AND WORK-BASED LEARNING INTEGRATION PROGRAMS IN EVERY REGION        |
| 21 | OF THE STATE. THE TASK FORCE SHALL DESIGN THE POLICY                |
| 22 | RECOMMENDATIONS TO INCREASE THE NUMBER, COORDINATION, AND           |
| 23 | COLLABORATION OF THESE PROGRAMS AND MUST INCLUDE, AT A              |
| 24 | MINIMUM, POLICIES THAT ENABLE A HIGH SCHOOL THAT CHOOSES TO         |
| 25 | PROVIDE AN EARLY COLLEGE PROGRAM TO STRUCTURE THE PROGRAM AS        |
| 26 | A FOUR-YEAR PROGRAM, ENCOMPASSING GRADES NINE THROUGH TWELVE;       |
| 27 | A FIVE-YEAR PROGRAM, ENCOMPASSING GRADES NINE THROUGH               |

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| 1  | THIRTEEN; OR A SIX-YEAR PROGRAM, ENCOMPASSING GRADES NINE        |
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| 2  | THROUGH FOURTEEN. IN DESIGNING COMPREHENSIVE, UNIFORM POLICIES   |
| 3  | TO ENABLE FOUR-, FIVE-, AND SIX-YEAR EARLY COLLEGE PROGRAMS, THE |
| 4  | TASK FORCE SHALL ADDRESS THE WAYS IN WHICH EXISTING STATUTES AND |
| 5  | RULES MUST BE MODIFIED, COMBINED, OR REPEALED TO ACCOMPLISH THE  |
| 6  | GOAL OF ENABLING SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND CHARTER SCHOOLS, WORKING   |
| 7  | WITH POSTSECONDARY INSTITUTIONS, TO PROVIDE EARLY COLLEGE        |
| 8  | PROGRAMS.  |
| 9  | (c) Design and recommend policies to coordinate and              |
| 10 | EXPAND INNOVATIVE POSTSECONDARY AND WORKFORCE CREDENTIAL         |
| 11 | OPTIONS AND CAREER PATHWAYS AVAILABLE THROUGH SECONDARY          |
| 12 | POSTSECONDARY, AND WORK-BASED LEARNING INTEGRATION PROGRAMS,     |
| 13 | WITH A FOCUS ON CAREER PATHWAYS LEADING TO CREDENTIALS           |
| 14 | ASSOCIATED WITH HIGH-NEED, IN-DEMAND, HIGH-VALUE BUSINESSES AND  |
| 15 | INDUSTRIES.  |
| 16 | (d) Make recommendations concerning the creation of a            |
| 17 | STATEWIDE CORPS OF COUNSELORS TO ASSIST STUDENTS IN IDENTIFYING  |
| 18 | UNDERSTANDING, AND NAVIGATING OPTIONS FOR SECONDARY              |
| 19 | POSTSECONDARY, AND WORK-BASED LEARNING INTEGRATION PROGRAMS;     |
| 20 | (e) MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS CONCERNING METHODS FOR                  |
| 21 | PUBLICIZING THE REQUIREMENTS, BENEFITS, AND AVAILABILITY OF      |
| 22 | SECONDARY, POSTSECONDARY, AND WORK-BASED LEARNING INTEGRATION    |
| 23 | PROGRAMS TO STUDENTS AND FAMILIES THROUGHOUT THE STATE;          |
| 24 | (f) TAKING INTO ACCOUNT ALL EXISTING AND POTENTIAL FUNDING       |
| 25 | SOURCES, DESIGN POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS THAT CREATE A UNIFORM     |
| 26 | AND COMPREHENSIVE FUNDING MECHANISM FOR SECONDARY                |
| 27 | POSTSECONDARY, AND WORK-BASED LEARNING INTEGRATION PROGRAMS.     |

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| 1  | THE POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS MUST ADDRESS IMPLICATIONS FOR         |
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| 2  | EXISTING PROGRAMS, INCLUDING THE ASCENT PROGRAM, THE TREP        |
| 3  | PROGRAM, AND P-TECH HIGH SCHOOLS.                                |
| 4  | (g) RECOMMEND CHARACTERISTICS OF AND STANDARDS FOR               |
| 5  | SECONDARY, POSTSECONDARY, AND WORK-BASED LEARNING INTEGRATION    |
| 6  | PROGRAMS FOR PURPOSES OF AUTHORIZING AND MEASURING THE           |
| 7  | PERFORMANCE OF THESE PROGRAMS AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS           |
| 8  | CONCERNING HOW BEST TO USE DATA TO BUILD EVIDENCE OF THE         |
| 9  | LONG-TERM IMPACT OF THESE PROGRAMS. THE CHARACTERISTICS AND      |
| 10 | STANDARDS MUST ALLOW HIGH SCHOOLS OF ALL SIZES AND FROM EVERY    |
| 11 | REGION OF THE STATE TO DEMONSTRATE PROGRAM QUALITY, REGARDLESS   |
| 12 | OF THE SIZE OF THE SCHOOL.                                       |
| 13 | (h) IDENTIFY CHALLENGES STUDENTS FACE IN ACCESSING AND           |
| 14 | COMPLETING CREDENTIALS THROUGH SECONDARY, POSTSECONDARY, AND     |
| 15 | WORK-BASED LEARNING INTEGRATION PROGRAMS AND RECOMMEND WAYS      |
| 16 | TO ADDRESS AND REDUCE THESE CHALLENGES.                          |
| 17 | (2) IN COMPLETING ITS DUTIES, THE TASK FORCE SHALL SOLICIT       |
| 18 | INPUT FROM EMPLOYERS AND TEACHERS WHO WORK WITH SECONDARY,       |
| 19 | POSTSECONDARY, AND WORK-BASED LEARNING INTEGRATION PROGRAMS      |
| 20 | AND REPRESENTATIVES OF SCHOOL DISTRICTS, CHARTER SCHOOLS, BOARDS |
| 21 | OF COOPERATIVE SERVICES, AND POSTSECONDARY INSTITUTIONS FROM     |
| 22 | AROUND THE STATE WHO HAVE EXPERTISE IN SECONDARY,                |
| 23 | POSTSECONDARY, AND WORK-BASED LEARNING INTEGRATION PROGRAMS.     |
| 24 | THE TASK FORCE SHALL FOCUS ON THE ISSUES SPECIFIED IN SUBSECTION |
| 25 | (1) OF THIS SECTION WITHOUT ADDRESSING THE COOPERATIVE           |
| 26 | AGREEMENTS BETWEEN LOCAL EDUCATION PROVIDERS AND INSTITUTIONS    |

OF HIGHER EDUCATION ENTERED INTO PURSUANT TO SECTION 22-35-104.

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| 1  | (3) THE TASK FORCE SHALL PREPARE AN INTERIM REPORT AND A              |
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| 2  | FINAL REPORT OF ITS FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS WITH REGARD TO       |
| 3  | THE ISSUES DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS SECTION AND SUBMIT     |
| 4  | THE REPORTS TO THE GOVERNOR, THE EDUCATION LEADERSHIP COUNCIL,        |
| 5  | THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION, THE COLORADO COMMISSION ON              |
| 6  | HIGHER EDUCATION, AND THE EDUCATION COMMITTEES OF THE SENATE          |
| 7  | AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, OR ANY SUCCESSOR COMMITTEES.        |
| 8  | THE TASK FORCE SHALL SUBMIT THE INTERIM REPORT ON OR BEFORE           |
| 9  | DECEMBER 1, 2022, AND THE FINAL REPORT ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 1,       |
| 10 | 2023.   |
| 11 | 22-35.3-205. Legislative advisory council - created. THERE IS         |
| 12 | CREATED A LEGISLATIVE ADVISORY COUNCIL CONSISTING OF LEGISLATORS      |
| 13 | APPOINTED, ONE EACH, BY THE SPEAKER AND THE MINORITY LEADER OF        |
| 14 | THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND THE PRESIDENT AND THE MINORITY       |
| 15 | LEADER OF THE SENATE, NO LATER THAN JULY 1, 2022. THE LEGISLATIVE     |
| 16 | ADVISORY COUNCIL SHALL PROVIDE ADVICE AND COMMENT TO THE TASK         |
| 17 | FORCE AND ACT AS A LIAISON BETWEEN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND THE       |
| 18 | TASK FORCE.   |
| 19 | 22-35.3-206. Repeal of part. This part 2 is repealed, effective       |
| 20 | JANUARY 1, 2024.  |
| 21 | SECTION 2. Safety clause. The general assembly hereby finds,          |
| 22 | determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate |
| 23 | preservation of the public peace, health, or safety.                  |

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