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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING AUTHORIZATION FOR LOCAL EDUCATION PROVIDERS TO**
102 **OPERATE PATHWAYS IN TECHNOLOGY EARLY COLLEGE HIGH**
103 **SCHOOLS.**

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://www.leg.state.co.us/billsumaries>.)

The bill authorizes the operation of a limited number of pathways in technology early college high schools (p-tech schools) in the state. A p-tech school enrolls students in grades 9 through 14 in an educational program that focuses on science, technology, engineering, and mathematics. The p-tech school combines high school and college-level

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Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.*

1 MODEL (P-TECH) ALLOWS STUDENTS TO GRADUATE FROM HIGH SCHOOL
2 WITH A HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA AND AN INDUSTRY-RECOGNIZED ASSOCIATE
3 DEGREE, PRE-APPRENTICESHIP CERTIFICATE, OR OTHER
4 INDUSTRY-RECOGNIZED CERTIFICATE ALLOWING STUDENTS TO GAIN
5 CAREER RELEVANT EXPERIENCE;

6 (b) THE SUCCESS OF P-TECH SCHOOLS DEPENDS UPON CLOSE
7 COLLABORATION BETWEEN A LOCAL EDUCATION PROVIDER, A COMMUNITY
8 COLLEGE, AND ONE OR MORE LOCAL HIGH-GROWTH INDUSTRY EMPLOYERS;

9 (c) THE P-TECH SCHOOL MODEL HAS BEEN RECENTLY ESTABLISHED
10 IN OTHER STATES, INCLUDING NEW YORK, CONNECTICUT, AND ILLINOIS,
11 AND IS SHOWING PROMISE; AND

12 (d) GRADUATING MORE HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS WITH
13 CAREER-READY SKILLS TO MEET COLORADO'S WORKFORCE NEEDS IS PART
14 OF THE STATE'S EDUCATION AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT GOALS.

15 (2) THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY THEREFORE DECLARES THAT
16 ESTABLISHING A LIMITED NUMBER OF P-TECH SCHOOLS IN THE STATE WILL
17 BENEFIT STUDENTS AND INDUSTRY IN COLORADO.

18 **22-35.3-102. Definitions.** AS USED IN THIS ARTICLE, UNLESS THE
19 CONTEXT OTHERWISE REQUIRES:

20 (1) "ACCOUNTING DISTRICT" HAS THE SAME MEANING AS
21 PROVIDED IN SECTION 22-54-103 (1.3).

22 (2) "CERTIFIED CENTER OF LEARNING" MEANS AN EMPLOYER THAT
23 ENTERS INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH A P-TECH SCHOOL AND UNDERGOES A
24 THIRD-PARTY CERTIFICATION PROCESS PROVING THAT THEY ARE
25 QUALIFIED TO ASSIST THE LOCAL EDUCATION PROVIDER IN CREATING AND
26 PROVIDING WORKPLACE EDUCATION EXPERIENCES AND TRAINING, WHICH
27 EXPERIENCES AND TRAINING MAY INCLUDE BUT NEED NOT BE LIMITED TO

1 JOB SHADOWING, MENTORING, INTERNSHIPS, AND APPRENTICESHIPS.

2 (3) "COMMISSIONER" MEANS THE OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER
3 OF EDUCATION CREATED AND EXISTING PURSUANT TO SECTION 1 OF
4 ARTICLE IX OF THE STATE CONSTITUTION.

5 (4) "COMMUNITY COLLEGE" MEANS A COMMUNITY COLLEGE
6 GOVERNED BY THE STATE BOARD FOR COMMUNITY COLLEGES AND
7 OCCUPATIONAL EDUCATION OR A STATE-SUPPORTED INSTITUTION OF
8 HIGHER EDUCATION OR LOCAL DISTRICT JUNIOR COLLEGE THAT IS
9 AUTHORIZED TO GRANT ASSOCIATE DEGREES.

10 (5) "DEPARTMENT" MEANS THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
11 CREATED AND EXISTING PURSUANT TO SECTION 24-1-115, C.R.S.

12 (6) "DISTRICT EXTENDED HIGH SCHOOL PUPIL ENROLLMENT" HAS
13 THE SAME MEANING AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 22-54-103 (5.2).

14 (7) "EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR" MEANS THE OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE
15 DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION CREATED AND
16 EXISTING PURSUANT TO SECTION 24-1-114, C.R.S.

17 (8) "FUNDED PUPIL COUNT" HAS THE SAME MEANING AS PROVIDED
18 IN SECTION 22-54-103 (7).

19 (9) "LOCAL EDUCATION PROVIDER" MEANS A SCHOOL DISTRICT, A
20 BOARD OF COOPERATIVE SERVICES THAT OPERATES A HIGH SCHOOL, THE
21 STATE CHARTER SCHOOL INSTITUTE ESTABLISHED IN SECTION 22-30.5-503,
22 OR A CHARTER SCHOOL AUTHORIZED PURSUANT TO PART 1 OR PART 5 OF
23 ARTICLE 30.5 OF THIS TITLE.

24 (10) "P-TECH SCHOOL" MEANS A PATHWAYS IN TECHNOLOGY
25 EARLY COLLEGE HIGH SCHOOL THAT IS APPROVED PURSUANT TO THIS
26 ARTICLE.

27 (11) "PUPIL ENROLLMENT" HAS THE SAME MEANING AS PROVIDED

1 IN SECTION 22-54-103 (10).

2 **22-35.3-103. Pathways in technology early college high schools**

3 **- design - requirements - approval.** (1) A PATHWAYS IN TECHNOLOGY
4 EARLY COLLEGE HIGH SCHOOL, OR P-TECH SCHOOL, IS A PUBLIC SCHOOL
5 THAT INCLUDES GRADES NINE THROUGH FOURTEEN AND IS DESIGNED TO
6 PREPARE STUDENTS FOR HIGH-POTENTIAL CAREERS IN INDUSTRY BY
7 ENABLING THEM TO GRADUATE WITH A HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA AND AN
8 INDUSTRY-RECOGNIZED ASSOCIATE DEGREE. STUDENTS IN A P-TECH
9 SCHOOL MAY ALSO EARN PRE-APPRENTICESHIP CERTIFICATES AND OTHER
10 INDUSTRY-RECOGNIZED CERTIFICATES IN ADDITION TO AN ASSOCIATE
11 DEGREE. A P-TECH SCHOOL IS OPERATED AS A COLLABORATIVE EFFORT BY
12 A LOCAL EDUCATION PROVIDER, A COMMUNITY COLLEGE, AND ONE OR
13 MORE LOCAL HIGH-GROWTH INDUSTRY EMPLOYERS. THROUGHOUT
14 GRADES NINE THROUGH FOURTEEN, A P-TECH SCHOOL INTEGRATES HIGH
15 SCHOOL AND COLLEGE COURSES AND CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS THAT ARE
16 INFORMED BY CURRENT AND PROJECTED INDUSTRY STANDARDS AND
17 FOCUSED ON SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING, AND MATHEMATICS
18 WITH MENTORING, JOB SHADOWING, INTERNSHIPS, PRE-APPRENTICESHIP
19 TRAINING, AND OTHER WORKPLACE EDUCATION EXPERIENCES.

20 (2) A P-TECH SCHOOL TO BE OPERATED BY A LOCAL EDUCATION
21 PROVIDER MUST BE JOINTLY APPROVED BY THE COMMISSIONER OF
22 EDUCATION AND THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF
23 HIGHER EDUCATION. THE COMMISSIONER AND THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
24 SHALL JOINTLY ESTABLISH TIME LINES AND PROCEDURES BY WHICH A
25 LOCAL EDUCATION PROVIDER MAY APPLY TO OPERATE A P-TECH SCHOOL
26 AND SHALL DEVELOP A STANDARD P-TECH AGREEMENT TEMPLATE THAT
27 MUST BE USED BY AN APPLICANT. THE APPLICATION MUST INCLUDE:

1 (a) THE AGREEMENT THAT THE LOCAL EDUCATION PROVIDER, A
2 COMMUNITY COLLEGE, AND ONE OR MORE EMPLOYERS ENTER INTO TO
3 OPERATE THE P-TECH SCHOOL, WHICH MUST ADDRESS:

4 (I) THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE LOCAL EDUCATION PROVIDER
5 AND THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE TO PROVIDE, AT A MINIMUM, COURSE
6 WORK, COUNSELING, AND STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES, AS WELL AS
7 PROVISIONS RELATING TO INSTRUCTOR QUALIFICATIONS;

8 (II) THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE EMPLOYER TO PROVIDE
9 WORKPLACE EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCES AND TO CONSULT WITH THE
10 LOCAL EDUCATION PROVIDER ON COURSE DESIGN, AS REQUESTED,
11 WHETHER THE EMPLOYER IS A CERTIFIED CENTER OF LEARNING, WITH
12 PREFERENCE GIVEN TO SUCH EMPLOYERS, AND ANY FUNDING THAT THE
13 EMPLOYER MAY PROVIDE FOR THE P-TECH SCHOOL PROGRAM;

14 (III) THE PROCEDURE FOR COMMUNICATION AND SHARED
15 DECISION-MAKING BY THE LOCAL EDUCATION PROVIDER, COMMUNITY
16 COLLEGE, AND EMPLOYER REGARDING SCHOOL OPERATIONS; AND

17 (IV) THE ALLOCATION OF FUNDING BETWEEN THE EMPLOYER, THE
18 LOCAL EDUCATION PROVIDER, AND THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE FOR THE
19 COST OF POSTSECONDARY COURSES INCLUDED IN THE P-TECH SCHOOL
20 PROGRAM, INCLUDING TUITION FOR THOSE COURSES;

21 (b) THE OPERATIONAL MODEL FOR THE P-TECH SCHOOL, INCLUDING
22 CURRICULA, INSTRUCTIONAL PRACTICES, FACULTY ROLES, STUDENT
23 SUPPORT STRUCTURES, CLASS SCHEDULES, EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING
24 OPPORTUNITIES, AND THE ASSOCIATE DEGREES THAT STUDENTS MAY
25 ATTAIN THROUGH THE P-TECH SCHOOL;

26 (c) THE MAXIMUM NUMBER OF STUDENTS THAT THE P-TECH
27 SCHOOL WILL ENROLL WHEN OPERATING AT FULL CAPACITY AND THE PLAN

1 FOR SELECTING STUDENTS TO ENROLL IN THE P-TECH SCHOOL, WHICH MUST
2 BE DESIGNED IN A WAY THAT ENCOURAGES THE ENROLLMENT OF A
3 STUDENT BODY THAT IS SOCIO-ECONOMICALLY AND RACIALLY DIVERSE
4 AND THAT INCLUDES FIRST-GENERATION COLLEGE STUDENTS, ENGLISH
5 LANGUAGE LEARNERS, AND STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES;

6 (d) IF THE APPLYING LOCAL EDUCATION PROVIDER IS A CHARTER
7 SCHOOL, WRITTEN CONFIRMATION THAT THE CHARTER SCHOOL'S
8 AUTHORIZER AGREES TO AMEND THE CHARTER CONTRACT TO ALLOW THE
9 CHARTER SCHOOL TO OPERATE AS A P-TECH SCHOOL; AND

10 (e) ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION THAT THE COMMISSIONER AND
11 THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR MAY REQUIRE.

12 (3) THE COMMISSIONER AND THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SHALL
13 REVIEW EACH APPLICATION RECEIVED AND JOINTLY APPROVE LOCAL
14 EDUCATION PROVIDERS TO OPERATE A LIMITED NUMBER OF P-TECH
15 SCHOOLS WITHIN THE STATE. THE COMMISSIONER AND THE EXECUTIVE
16 DIRECTOR SHALL BASE THEIR SELECTIONS ON THE QUALITY OF THE
17 PROPOSED DESIGN OF THE P-TECH SCHOOL AND THE DEGREE TO WHICH THE
18 AGREEMENT OF THE LOCAL EDUCATION PROVIDER, COMMUNITY COLLEGE,
19 AND EMPLOYER IS COLLABORATIVE AND REQUIRES FULL PARTICIPATION BY
20 EACH PARTY. ONCE AN APPLICATION IS APPROVED, THE LOCAL EDUCATION
21 PROVIDER SHALL HAVE UP TO ONE FULL ACADEMIC YEAR TO IMPLEMENT
22 THE P-TECH PROGRAM. IT IS THE INTENT OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY THAT
23 ONE OR MORE P-TECH SCHOOLS BEGIN OPERATING BY THE 2016-17 SCHOOL
24 YEAR.

25 (4) A P-TECH SCHOOL IS SUBJECT TO THE STATE ASSESSMENT
26 REQUIREMENTS SPECIFIED IN SECTIONS 22-7-409 AND 22-7-1006 AND THE
27 ACCOUNTABILITY REQUIREMENTS SPECIFIED IN ARTICLE 11 OF THIS TITLE.

1 IN ADDITION, THE COMMISSIONER AND THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR MAY
2 ESTABLISH INDICATORS FOR MEASURING THE PERFORMANCE OF EACH
3 P-TECH SCHOOL, WHICH INDICATORS MAY INCLUDE THE ABILITY OF
4 STUDENTS WHO GRADUATE FROM A P-TECH SCHOOL TO OBTAIN
5 EMPLOYMENT IN THE FIELD OR TO PURSUE ADDITIONAL POSTSECONDARY
6 EDUCATION IN THE FIELD, AS WELL AS ANY RELEVANT PERFORMANCE
7 INDICATORS ESTABLISHED FOR THE CONCURRENT ENROLLMENT AND
8 ASCENT PROGRAMS.

9 **22-35.3-104. P-tech schools - funding.** (1) (a) TO CALCULATE
10 DISTRICT TOTAL PROGRAM, PURSUANT TO SECTION 22-54-104, A SCHOOL
11 DISTRICT THAT IS APPROVED TO OPERATE A P-TECH SCHOOL PURSUANT TO
12 SECTION 22-35.3-103, INCLUDING A P-TECH SCHOOL THAT IS A DISTRICT
13 CHARTER SCHOOL, MAY INCLUDE THE STUDENTS WHO ARE ENROLLED IN
14 GRADES NINE THROUGH TWELVE IN THE P-TECH SCHOOL IN THE SCHOOL
15 DISTRICT'S PUPIL ENROLLMENT, AS DEFINED IN SECTION 22-54-103 (10),
16 AND MAY INCLUDE THE STUDENTS WHO ARE ENROLLED IN GRADES
17 THIRTEEN AND FOURTEEN IN THE P-TECH SCHOOL IN THE SCHOOL
18 DISTRICT'S DISTRICT EXTENDED HIGH SCHOOL PUPIL ENROLLMENT.

19 (b) IF AN INSTITUTE CHARTER SCHOOL IS APPROVED TO OPERATE
20 A P-TECH SCHOOL PURSUANT TO SECTION 22-35.3-103, THE DEPARTMENT
21 SHALL INCLUDE THE STUDENTS WHO ARE ENROLLED IN GRADES NINE
22 THROUGH TWELVE IN THE P-TECH SCHOOL IN THE FUNDED PUPIL COUNT OF
23 THE INSTITUTE CHARTER SCHOOL'S ACCOUNTING DISTRICT AND SHALL
24 INCLUDE THE STUDENTS WHO ARE ENROLLED IN GRADES THIRTEEN AND
25 FOURTEEN IN THE P-TECH SCHOOL IN THE DISTRICT EXTENDED HIGH
26 SCHOOL PUPIL ENROLLMENT OF THE INSTITUTE CHARTER SCHOOL'S
27 ACCOUNTING DISTRICT.

1 (2) A STUDENT WHO IS ENROLLED IN A P-TECH SCHOOL THAT IS
2 APPROVED PURSUANT TO SECTION 22-35.3-103 AND WHO IS
3 SIMULTANEOUSLY ENROLLED IN ONE OR MORE POSTSECONDARY COURSES,
4 INCLUDING ACADEMIC OR CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION COURSES,
5 AT A COMMUNITY COLLEGE AS PART OF THE P-TECH PROGRAM, IS ELIGIBLE
6 TO RECEIVE A STIPEND FROM THE COLLEGE OPPORTUNITY FUND PURSUANT
7 TO PART 2 OF ARTICLE 18 OF TITLE 23, C.R.S. THE STIPEND IS PAYABLE TO
8 THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE THAT IS A PARTNER IN THE APPROVED P-TECH
9 SCHOOL.

10 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-54-103, **amend**
11 (5.2), (7) (e) (I) introductory portion, and (10) (e.5); and **add** (9.7) as
12 follows:

13 **22-54-103. Definitions.** As used in this article, unless the context
14 otherwise requires:

15 (5.2) "District ~~ASCENT program~~ EXTENDED HIGH SCHOOL pupil
16 enrollment" means the number of pupils, on the pupil enrollment count
17 day within the applicable budget year, who are concurrently enrolled in
18 a postsecondary course, including an academic course or a career and
19 technical education course, as a participant in the ASCENT program AND
20 THE NUMBER OF PUPILS, ON THE PUPIL ENROLLMENT COUNT DAY WITHIN
21 THE APPLICABLE BUDGET YEAR, WHO ARE ENROLLED IN GRADE THIRTEEN
22 OR FOURTEEN IN A P-TECH SCHOOL. A PUPIL ENROLLED IN A P-TECH
23 SCHOOL PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 35.3 OF THIS TITLE SHALL BE INCLUDED IN
24 THE DISTRICT EXTENDED HIGH SCHOOL PUPIL ENROLLMENT AS A
25 FULL-TIME STUDENT. An ASCENT program participant who is enrolled
26 in at least twelve credit hours of postsecondary courses, including
27 academic courses and career and technical education courses, as of the

1 pupil enrollment count day of the applicable budget year shall be included
2 in the district ~~ASCENT program~~ EXTENDED HIGH SCHOOL pupil
3 enrollment as a full-time pupil. An ASCENT program participant who is
4 enrolled in less than twelve credit hours of postsecondary courses,
5 including academic courses and career and technical education courses,
6 as of the pupil enrollment count day of the applicable budget year shall
7 be included in the district ~~ASCENT program~~ EXTENDED HIGH SCHOOL
8 pupil enrollment as a part-time pupil.

9 (7) "Funded pupil count" means:

10 (e) (I) For budget years commencing on and after July 1, 2009, the
11 district's on-line pupil enrollment for the applicable budget year plus the
12 district's preschool program enrollment for the applicable budget year
13 plus the district's supplemental kindergarten enrollment for the applicable
14 budget year plus the district's ~~ASCENT program~~ EXTENDED HIGH SCHOOL
15 pupil enrollment for the applicable budget year, plus the greater of:

16 (9.7) "P-TECH SCHOOL" MEANS A PATHWAYS IN TECHNOLOGY
17 EARLY COLLEGE HIGH SCHOOL THAT IS APPROVED PURSUANT TO ARTICLE
18 35.3 OF THIS TITLE.

19 (10) (e.5) A pupil who is enrolled as less than a full-time student,
20 other than a student described in paragraph (b) or (d) of this subsection
21 (10) OR A STUDENT ENROLLED IN A P-TECH SCHOOL PURSUANT TO ARTICLE
22 35.3 OF THIS TITLE, shall be counted in accordance with rules promulgated
23 by the state board for students who are enrolled as less than full-time
24 students.

25 **SECTION 3.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-54-104, **amend**
26 (2) (a) (IX), (3.5) (d) (III), (4.7) (a), (4.7) (c), and (5) (g) (VI) (C) as
27 follows:

1 **22-54-104. District total program - definitions.**

2 (2) (a) (IX) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection (2),
3 paragraph (g) of subsection (5) or subsection (6) of this section, or section
4 22-54-104.3, a district's total program for the 2009-10 budget year and
5 budget years thereafter shall be the greater of the following:

6 (A) (District per pupil funding x (District funded pupil count -
7 District on-line pupil enrollment - District ~~ASCENT program~~ EXTENDED
8 HIGH SCHOOL pupil enrollment)) + District at-risk funding + District
9 on-line funding + District ~~ASCENT program~~ EXTENDED HIGH SCHOOL
10 funding; or

11 (B) (Minimum per pupil funding x (District funded pupil count -
12 District on-line pupil enrollment - District ~~ASCENT program~~ EXTENDED
13 HIGH SCHOOL pupil enrollment)) + District on-line funding + District
14 ~~ASCENT program~~ EXTENDED HIGH SCHOOL funding.

15 (3.5) Minimum per pupil funding shall be:

16 (d) (III) (A) As used in this subsection (3.5), for the 2009-10
17 budget year and budget years thereafter, "minimum per pupil funding
18 base" means the total of the calculation specified in sub-subparagraph (B)
19 of this subparagraph (III) for all districts for the budget year divided by
20 the statewide funded pupil count minus the statewide on-line pupil
21 enrollment and minus the statewide ~~ASCENT program~~ EXTENDED HIGH
22 SCHOOL pupil enrollment, for said budget year.

23 (B) The following calculation shall be used for the purpose of
24 determining the minimum per pupil funding base pursuant to this
25 subparagraph (III):

26 (District per pupil funding x (District funded pupil count - District on-line
27 pupil enrollment - District ~~ASCENT program~~ EXTENDED HIGH SCHOOL

1 pupil enrollment)) + District at-risk funding.

2 (4.7) (a) For the 2009-10 budget year and budget years thereafter,
3 a district's ~~ASCENT program~~ EXTENDED HIGH SCHOOL funding shall be
4 determined in accordance with the following formula:

5 (District ~~ASCENT program~~ EXTENDED HIGH SCHOOL pupil enrollment x
6 \$6,135, or an amount determined pursuant to paragraph (b) of this
7 subsection (4.7)).

8 (c) In any budget year in which the provisions of paragraph (g) of
9 subsection (5) of this section apply, the department of education shall
10 calculate a district's reduction amount for ~~ASCENT program~~ EXTENDED
11 HIGH SCHOOL funding by multiplying the negative factor calculated for
12 the applicable budget year pursuant to sub-subparagraph (A) of
13 subparagraph (II) of paragraph (g) of subsection (5) of this section by the
14 amount of the district's ~~ASCENT program~~ EXTENDED HIGH SCHOOL
15 funding calculated pursuant to paragraph (b) of this subsection (4.7) for
16 the applicable budget year. A district's ~~ASCENT program~~ EXTENDED
17 HIGH SCHOOL funding for the applicable budget year shall be the greater
18 of:

19 (I) The district's ~~ASCENT program~~ EXTENDED HIGH SCHOOL
20 funding calculated for the applicable budget year pursuant to paragraph
21 (b) of this subsection (4.7) minus the district's reduction amount
22 calculated for the applicable budget year pursuant to this paragraph (c) for
23 ~~ASCENT program~~ EXTENDED HIGH SCHOOL funding; or

24 (II) An amount equal to the base per pupil funding amount
25 specified in paragraph (a) of subsection (5) of this section for the
26 applicable budget year multiplied by the district's ~~ASCENT program~~
27 EXTENDED HIGH SCHOOL pupil enrollment for the applicable budget year.

1 (5) For purposes of the formulas used in this section:

2 (g) (VI) For the 2010-11 budget year, two sources of federal
3 moneys, totaling two hundred sixteen million three hundred fifty-eight
4 thousand one hundred sixty-four dollars (\$216,358,164), have been made
5 available to districts and are being allocated to districts by the department
6 of education based on the formulas specified in subsection (2) of this
7 section. Accordingly, the state's share of total program funding for all
8 districts, including the funding for institute charter schools for the
9 2010-11 budget year, has been reduced by said amount as is reflected in
10 the sum of total program funding for the 2010-11 budget year specified
11 in sub-subparagraph (A) of subparagraph (I) of this paragraph (g). For the
12 2010-11 budget year, it is the general assembly's intent that the
13 department of education calculate total program funding for the following
14 purposes as if the state's share of total program funding for the 2010-11
15 budget year was not reduced as specified in this subparagraph (VI):

16 (C) A district's ~~ASCENT program~~ EXTENDED HIGH SCHOOL
17 funding pursuant to subsection (4.7) of this section; and

18 **SECTION 4.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-54-112, **amend**
19 (2) (a) as follows:

20 **22-54-112. Reports to the state board.** (2) (a) On or before
21 November 10 of each year, the secretary of the board of education of each
22 district shall certify to the state board the pupil enrollment, the on-line
23 pupil enrollment, the ~~ASCENT program~~ EXTENDED HIGH SCHOOL pupil
24 enrollment, and the preschool program enrollment of the district taken in
25 the preceding October or previously in November.

26 **SECTION 5.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 23-18-102, **amend**
27 (5) (a) (I); and **add** (5) (a) (I.5) as follows:

1 **23-18-102. Definitions.** As used in parts 1 and 2 of this article,
2 unless the context otherwise requires:

3 (5) (a) "Eligible undergraduate student" means:

4 (I) A student who is enrolled at a state institution of higher
5 education and who is classified as an in-state student for tuition purposes;
6 or

7 (I.5) A STUDENT WHO IS ENROLLED [REDACTED] IN A PATHWAYS IN
8 TECHNOLOGY EARLY COLLEGE HIGH SCHOOL THAT IS APPROVED AS
9 PROVIDED IN ARTICLE 35.3 OF TITLE 22, C.R.S.; OR

10 **SECTION 6.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 23-18-202, **amend**
11 (2) (b), (5) (c) (III), and (5) (f) as follows:

12 **23-18-202. College opportunity fund - appropriations -**
13 **payment of stipends - reimbursement - repeal.** (2) (b) For the state
14 fiscal year commencing July 1, 2005, and for state fiscal years thereafter,
15 for an eligible undergraduate student attending a state institution of higher
16 education, the specified amount of the stipend per credit hour shall be an
17 amount set annually by the general assembly, which in no case shall
18 exceed the student's total in-state tuition. The value of the per credit hour
19 stipend shall be the same for each eligible undergraduate student,
20 regardless of the state institution of higher education that the student
21 attends. The student shall be responsible for paying the student's share of
22 total in-state tuition, if any, UNLESS THE STUDENT IS ENROLLED IN [REDACTED] A
23 PATHWAYS IN TECHNOLOGY EARLY COLLEGE HIGH SCHOOL PURSUANT TO
24 ARTICLE 35.3 OF TITLE 22, C.R.S.

25 (5) (c) (III) For an eligible undergraduate student who has
26 completed one or more college courses while enrolled in high school
27 pursuant to the "Concurrent Enrollment Programs Act", article 35 of title

1 22, C.R.S., or while designated by the department of education as an
2 ASCENT program participant pursuant to section 22-35-108, C.R.S., OR
3 WHILE ENROLLED IN A PATHWAYS IN TECHNOLOGY EARLY COLLEGE HIGH
4 SCHOOL PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 35.3 OF TITLE 22, C.R.S., all college-level
5 credit hours earned by the student ~~during such enrollment shall~~ WHILE SO
6 ENROLLED count against the lifetime limitation described in subparagraph
7 (I) of this paragraph (c); except that credit hours earned from enrollment
8 in a basic skills course, as defined in section 23-1-113 (1) (b), shall not
9 count against the lifetime limitation.

10 (f) Notwithstanding the lifetime-credit-hour limitation established
11 pursuant to paragraph (c) of this subsection (5) and in addition to the
12 provisions of paragraph (e) of this subsection (5), a state institution of
13 higher education may annually grant a one-year waiver of the
14 lifetime-credit-hour limitation for up to five percent of the eligible
15 undergraduate students enrolled in the state institution of higher
16 education. In granting the waivers under this paragraph (f), the state
17 institution of higher education shall, upon request, grant a waiver to an
18 eligible undergraduate student for courses taken pursuant to the
19 "Concurrent Enrollment Programs Act", article 35 of title 22, C.R.S., OR
20 FOR COURSES TAKEN WHILE ENROLLED IN A PATHWAYS IN TECHNOLOGY
21 EARLY COLLEGE HIGH SCHOOL PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 35.3 OF TITLE 22,
22 C.R.S. For any remaining portion of the institution's five percent of
23 eligible undergraduate students who may receive waivers, the institution
24 shall give priority to students who are seeking job retraining.

25 **SECTION 7. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act
26 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the
27 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly (August

1 5, 2015, if adjournment sine die is on May 6, 2015); 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 2016 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the
7 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.