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**BILL A**

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**INTERIM COMMITTEE BILL**

**HOUSE SPONSORSHIP**

**Fields,**

**SENATE SPONSORSHIP**

**None**

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**SHORT TITLE: "Basic Ed & Career & Tech Ed Pilot Program"**

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**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

101 **CONCERNING POSTSECONDARY CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS THAT**  
102 **COMBINE BASIC EDUCATION COURSE WORK WITH SKILLS**  
103 **TRAINING.**

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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://www.leg.state.co.us/billsummaries>.)*

**Educational Success Task Force.** The bill directs the state board for community colleges and occupational education (state board), in consultation with the local district junior colleges, area vocational schools, the department of education, and local workforce development

*Capital letters indicate new material to be added to existing statute.  
Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.*



1 UNDEREMPLOYED OR UNEMPLOYED.

2 (4) "INFORMATION OR MATH LITERACY" MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL'S  
3 ABILITY TO USE APPROPRIATE MATHEMATICAL, LITERACY, OR TECHNICAL  
4 SKILLS FOR CAREER SUCCESS.

5 (5) "LOCAL DISTRICT JUNIOR COLLEGE" MEANS A JUNIOR COLLEGE  
6 OPERATING PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 71 OF THIS TITLE.

7 (6) "PILOT PROGRAM" MEANS THE PROGRAM DESIGNED BY THE  
8 BOARD PURSUANT TO SECTION 23-60-902 TO PROVIDE CAREER AND  
9 TECHNICAL EDUCATION CERTIFICATES ON AN ACCELERATED SCHEDULE  
10 FOR ELIGIBLE ADULTS WHO HAVE AN INSUFFICIENT LEVEL OF INFORMATION  
11 OR MATH LITERACY AND ARE SEEKING TO ENTER OR RE-ENTER THE  
12 WORKFORCE OR OBTAIN BETTER EMPLOYMENT.

13 **23-60-902. Accelerated education and skills training -**  
14 **certificates - repeal.** (1) (a) THE BOARD, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE  
15 LOCAL DISTRICT JUNIOR COLLEGES, AREA VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS, THE UNIT  
16 WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION THAT WORKS WITH ADULT  
17 EDUCATION, AND LOCAL WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS, SHALL  
18 DESIGN A PILOT PROGRAM THROUGH WHICH AN ELIGIBLE ADULT WHO HAS  
19 AN INSUFFICIENT LEVEL OF INFORMATION OR MATH LITERACY MAY OBTAIN  
20 A CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION CERTIFICATE ON AN ACCELERATED  
21 SCHEDULE TO ASSIST HIM OR HER IN ENTERING OR RE-ENTERING THE  
22 WORKFORCE OR IN OBTAINING BETTER EMPLOYMENT. THE BOARD SHALL  
23 DEVELOP PROGRAMS FOR AT LEAST TWENTY CERTIFICATES THAT ELIGIBLE  
24 ADULTS MAY OBTAIN BY TAKING COURSES THAT INTEGRATE INFORMATION  
25 AND MATH LITERACY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS WITH CAREER AND  
26 TECHNICAL TRAINING. THE TIME REQUIRED TO COMPLETE A CERTIFICATE  
27 PROGRAM MUST NOT EXCEED TWELVE MONTHS. THE BOARD SHALL

1 DEVELOP AND INITIALLY OFFER AT LEAST TEN CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS BY  
2 THE FALL SEMESTER OF THE 2013 ACADEMIC YEAR AND AT LEAST TEN  
3 ADDITIONAL CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS BY THE SPRING SEMESTER OF THE  
4 2014 ACADEMIC YEAR.

5 (b) THE BOARD IS ENCOURAGED TO COLLABORATE WITH AND MAY  
6 ENTER INTO MEMORANDUMS OF UNDERSTANDING WITH LOCAL DISTRICT  
7 JUNIOR COLLEGES, AREA VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS, THE UNIT WITHIN THE  
8 DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION THAT WORKS WITH ADULT EDUCATION,  
9 LOCAL WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS, AND OTHER LOCAL ADULT  
10 EDUCATION PROVIDERS TO ENSURE THAT THE PILOT PROGRAM CAN BE  
11 IMPLEMENTED LOCALLY.

12 (2) THE BOARD SHALL ENSURE THAT, AT A MINIMUM, THE PILOT  
13 PROGRAM:

14 (a) IS AVAILABLE TO ELIGIBLE ADULTS WHO ARE SEEKING TO  
15 ENTER OR RE-ENTER THE WORKFORCE OR OBTAIN BETTER EMPLOYMENT  
16 AND WHO MAY BENEFIT FROM INFORMATION OR MATH LITERACY  
17 DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS, AS INDICATED BY THEIR SCORES ON THE BASIC  
18 SKILLS ASSESSMENTS IN ENGLISH AND MATHEMATICS ADOPTED BY THE  
19 COMMISSION PURSUANT TO SECTION 23-1-113.3;

20 (b) INCLUDES ONLY CAREER AND TECHNICAL CERTIFICATE  
21 PROGRAMS THAT A STUDENT CAN COMPLETE WITHIN TWELVE MONTHS;  
22 AND

23 (c) REQUIRES THAT EACH COURSE OFFERED THROUGH THE  
24 CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS INTEGRATES APPROPRIATE INFORMATION OR  
25 MATH LITERACY INSTRUCTION AND CAREER AND TECHNICAL SKILLS  
26 TRAINING AND IS JOINTLY DESIGNED BY MATHEMATICS, ENGLISH, AND  
27 CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION FACULTY.

1           (3) (a) A COMMUNITY COLLEGE IN THE STATE SYSTEM OF  
2 COMMUNITY AND TECHNICAL COLLEGES, A LOCAL DISTRICT JUNIOR  
3 COLLEGE, AN AREA VOCATIONAL SCHOOL, A LOCAL ADULT EDUCATION  
4 PROGRAM OPERATED IN COOPERATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF  
5 EDUCATION OR WITH A LOCAL WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM, OR  
6 ANOTHER LOCAL ADULT EDUCATION PROVIDER MAY CHOOSE TO  
7 PARTICIPATE IN THE PILOT PROGRAM BY IMPLEMENTING ONE OR MORE OF  
8 THE CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS CREATED THROUGH THE PILOT PROGRAM  
9 PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS SECTION.

10           (b) AN INSTITUTION OR PROGRAM THAT PARTICIPATES IN THE PILOT  
11 PROGRAM SHALL, ON OR BEFORE JULY 1, 2014, AND ON OR BEFORE JULY  
12 1 EACH YEAR THEREAFTER THROUGH 2017, SUBMIT TO THE DEPARTMENT  
13 OF HIGHER EDUCATION A REPORT THAT INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING  
14 INFORMATION:

15           (I) THE CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS THAT THE INSTITUTION OR  
16 PROGRAM OFFERED;

17           (II) THE NUMBER OF STUDENTS WHO ENROLLED IN EACH  
18 CERTIFICATE PROGRAM;

19           (III) THE NUMBER OF STUDENTS WHO SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED  
20 EACH CERTIFICATE PROGRAM; AND

21           (IV) THE PERCENTAGE OF STUDENTS WHO OBTAINED EMPLOYMENT  
22 IN THE SUBJECT AREA IN WHICH THEY OBTAINED A CERTIFICATE OR WHO  
23 ENROLLED FOR ADDITIONAL EDUCATION IN THAT SUBJECT AREA.

24           (4) THIS PART 9 IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018.

25           **SECTION 2. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,  
26 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate  
27 preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.