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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.**

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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/bills summaries>.)*

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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course work with workplace educational experiences. A student who graduates from a p-tech school is expected to graduate with a high school diploma and an associate degree in applied science.

To operate a p-tech school, a school district, board of cooperative services, or charter school (local education provider) must enter into an agreement with a community college, as defined in the bill, and one or more employers. The parties to the agreement will collaborate in presenting the courses, providing student support services, and providing workplace educational experiences. They must also share decision-making responsibilities for the p-tech school.

The commissioner of education (commissioner) and the executive director of the department of higher education, acting jointly, must approve a p-tech school before it can operate within the state. The local education provider that operates the school may apply by submitting to the commissioner and the executive director a copy of the operating agreement, a description of the operating model for the p-tech school, the plan for enrolling students in the p-tech school, and other specified information. A p-tech school is subject to the same accountability requirements as other public schools, and a p-tech school's performance rating takes into account the employability of students who graduate from the p-tech school.

A p-tech school is funded through the school finance formula. Students enrolled in grades 9 through 12 are funded on the same basis as other high school students enrolled in public schools and students enrolled in grades 13 and 14 are funded at the same funding level as students who participate in the ASCENT program. Students enrolled in a p-tech school are included in the district pupil enrollment as full-time students. In addition, students enrolled in grades 13 and 14 are eligible to receive a stipend through the college opportunity fund.

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** article 35.3 to  
3 title 22 as follows:

4 **ARTICLE 35.3**

5 **Pathways in Technology Early College High Schools**

6 **22-35.3-101. Legislative declaration.** (1) THE GENERAL  
7 ASSEMBLY FINDS THAT:

8 (a) THE PATHWAYS IN TECHNOLOGY EARLY COLLEGE HIGH SCHOOL

1 MODEL (P-TECH) ALLOWS STUDENTS TO GRADUATE FROM HIGH SCHOOL  
2 WITH A HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA AND AN INDUSTRY-RECOGNIZED  
3 ASSOCIATE DEGREE;

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

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

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

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

17 **22-35.3-102. Definitions.** AS USED IN THIS ARTICLE, UNLESS THE  
18 CONTEXT OTHERWISE REQUIRES:

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

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

24 (3) "COMMUNITY COLLEGE" MEANS A COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
25 GOVERNED BY THE STATE BOARD FOR COMMUNITY COLLEGES AND  
26 OCCUPATIONAL EDUCATION OR A STATE-SUPPORTED INSTITUTION OF  
27 HIGHER EDUCATION OR LOCAL DISTRICT JUNIOR COLLEGE THAT IS

1 AUTHORIZED TO GRANT ASSOCIATE DEGREES.

2 (4) "DEPARTMENT" MEANS THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION  
3 CREATED AND EXISTING PURSUANT TO SECTION 24-1-115, C.R.S.

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

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

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

11 (8) "LOCAL EDUCATION PROVIDER" MEANS A SCHOOL DISTRICT, A  
12 BOARD OF COOPERATIVE SERVICES THAT OPERATES A HIGH SCHOOL, THE  
13 STATE CHARTER SCHOOL INSTITUTE ESTABLISHED IN SECTION 22-30.5-503,  
14 OR A CHARTER SCHOOL AUTHORIZED PURSUANT TO PART 1 OR PART 5 OF  
15 ARTICLE 30.5 OF THIS TITLE.

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

18 (10) "PUPIL ENROLLMENT" HAS THE SAME MEANING AS PROVIDED  
19 IN SECTION 22-54-103 (10).

20 **22-35.3-103. Pathways in technology early college high schools**

21 **- design - requirements - approval.** (1) A PATHWAYS IN TECHNOLOGY  
22 EARLY COLLEGE HIGH SCHOOL, OR P-TECH SCHOOL, IS A PUBLIC SCHOOL  
23 THAT INCLUDES GRADES NINE THROUGH FOURTEEN AND IS DESIGNED TO  
24 PREPARE STUDENTS FOR HIGH-POTENTIAL CAREERS IN INDUSTRY BY  
25 ENABLING THEM TO GRADUATE WITH A HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA AND AN  
26 INDUSTRY-RECOGNIZED ASSOCIATE DEGREE. A P-TECH SCHOOL IS  
27 OPERATED AS A COLLABORATIVE EFFORT BY A LOCAL EDUCATION

1 PROVIDER, A COMMUNITY COLLEGE, AND ONE OR MORE LOCAL  
2 HIGH-GROWTH INDUSTRY EMPLOYERS. THROUGHOUT GRADES NINE  
3 THROUGH FOURTEEN, A P-TECH SCHOOL INTEGRATES HIGH SCHOOL AND  
4 COLLEGE COURSES THAT ARE INFORMED BY CURRENT AND PROJECTED  
5 INDUSTRY STANDARDS AND FOCUSED ON SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY,  
6 ENGINEERING, AND MATHEMATICS WITH MENTORING, JOB SHADOWING,  
7 INTERNSHIPS, AND OTHER WORKPLACE EDUCATION EXPERIENCES.

8 (2) A P-TECH SCHOOL TO BE OPERATED BY A LOCAL EDUCATION  
9 PROVIDER MUST BE JOINTLY APPROVED BY THE COMMISSIONER OF  
10 EDUCATION AND THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF  
11 HIGHER EDUCATION. THE COMMISSIONER AND THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR  
12 SHALL JOINTLY ESTABLISH TIME LINES AND PROCEDURES BY WHICH A  
13 LOCAL EDUCATION PROVIDER MAY APPLY TO OPERATE A P-TECH SCHOOL  
14 AND SHALL DEVELOP A STANDARD P-TECH AGREEMENT TEMPLATE THAT  
15 MUST BE USED BY AN APPLICANT. THE APPLICATION MUST INCLUDE:

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

19 (I) THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE LOCAL EDUCATION PROVIDER  
20 AND THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE TO PROVIDE, AT A MINIMUM, COURSE  
21 WORK, COUNSELING, AND STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES, AS WELL AS  
22 PROVISIONS RELATING TO INSTRUCTOR QUALIFICATIONS;

23 (II) THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE EMPLOYER TO PROVIDE, AT A  
24 MINIMUM, MENTORING, ASSISTANCE IN DESIGNING COURSE WORK,  
25 INTERNSHIPS, AND OTHER WORKPLACE EDUCATION EXPERIENCES, AS WELL  
26 AS ANY FUNDING THAT THE EMPLOYER MAY PROVIDE FOR THE P-TECH  
27 SCHOOL PROGRAM;

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

4 (IV) THE ALLOCATION OF FUNDING BETWEEN THE LOCAL  
5 EDUCATION PROVIDER AND THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE FOR THE COST OF  
6 POSTSECONDARY COURSES INCLUDED IN THE P-TECH SCHOOL PROGRAM,  
7 INCLUDING TUITION FOR THOSE COURSES;

8 (b) THE OPERATIONAL MODEL FOR THE P-TECH SCHOOL,  
9 INCLUDING CURRICULA, INSTRUCTIONAL PRACTICES, FACULTY ROLES,  
10 STUDENT SUPPORT STRUCTURES, CLASS SCHEDULES, EXPERIENTIAL  
11 LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES, AND THE ASSOCIATE DEGREES THAT STUDENTS  
12 MAY ATTAIN THROUGH THE P-TECH SCHOOL;

13 (c) THE MAXIMUM NUMBER OF STUDENTS THAT THE P-TECH  
14 SCHOOL WILL ENROLL WHEN OPERATING AT FULL CAPACITY AND THE PLAN  
15 FOR SELECTING STUDENTS TO ENROLL IN THE P-TECH SCHOOL, WHICH  
16 MUST BE DESIGNED IN A WAY THAT ENCOURAGES THE ENROLLMENT OF A  
17 STUDENT BODY THAT IS SOCIO-ECONOMICALLY AND RACIALLY DIVERSE  
18 AND THAT INCLUDES FIRST-GENERATION COLLEGE STUDENTS, ENGLISH  
19 LANGUAGE LEARNERS, AND STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES;

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

24 (e) ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION THAT THE COMMISSIONER AND  
25 THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR MAY REQUIRE.

26 (3) THE COMMISSIONER AND THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SHALL  
27 REVIEW EACH APPLICATION RECEIVED AND JOINTLY APPROVE LOCAL

1 EDUCATION PROVIDERS TO OPERATE A LIMITED NUMBER OF P-TECH  
2 SCHOOLS WITHIN THE STATE. THE COMMISSIONER AND THE EXECUTIVE  
3 DIRECTOR SHALL BASE THEIR SELECTIONS ON THE QUALITY OF THE  
4 PROPOSED DESIGN OF THE P-TECH SCHOOL AND THE DEGREE TO WHICH THE  
5 AGREEMENT OF THE LOCAL EDUCATION PROVIDER, COMMUNITY COLLEGE,  
6 AND EMPLOYER IS COLLABORATIVE AND REQUIRES FULL PARTICIPATION  
7 BY EACH PARTY. ONCE AN APPLICATION IS APPROVED, THE LOCAL  
8 EDUCATION PROVIDER SHALL HAVE UP TO ONE FULL ACADEMIC YEAR TO  
9 IMPLEMENT THE P-TECH PROGRAM. IT IS THE INTENT OF THE GENERAL  
10 ASSEMBLY THAT ONE OR MORE P-TECH SCHOOLS BEGIN OPERATING BY THE  
11 2016-17 SCHOOL YEAR.

12 (4) A P-TECH SCHOOL IS SUBJECT TO THE STATE ASSESSMENT  
13 REQUIREMENTS SPECIFIED IN SECTIONS 22-7-409 AND 22-7-1006 AND THE  
14 ACCOUNTABILITY REQUIREMENTS SPECIFIED IN ARTICLE 11 OF THIS TITLE.  
15 IN ADDITION, THE COMMISSIONER AND THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR MAY  
16 ESTABLISH INDICATORS FOR MEASURING THE PERFORMANCE OF EACH  
17 P-TECH SCHOOL, WHICH INDICATORS MAY INCLUDE THE ABILITY OF  
18 STUDENTS WHO GRADUATE FROM A P-TECH SCHOOL TO OBTAIN  
19 EMPLOYMENT IN THE FIELD OR TO PURSUE ADDITIONAL POSTSECONDARY  
20 EDUCATION IN THE FIELD, AS WELL AS ANY RELEVANT PERFORMANCE  
21 INDICATORS ESTABLISHED FOR THE CONCURRENT ENROLLMENT AND  
22 ASCENT PROGRAMS.

23 **22-35.3-104. P-tech schools - funding.** (1) (a) TO CALCULATE  
24 DISTRICT TOTAL PROGRAM, PURSUANT TO SECTION 22-54-104, A SCHOOL  
25 DISTRICT THAT IS APPROVED TO OPERATE A P-TECH SCHOOL PURSUANT TO  
26 SECTION 22-35.3-103, INCLUDING A P-TECH SCHOOL THAT IS A DISTRICT  
27 CHARTER SCHOOL, MAY INCLUDE THE STUDENTS WHO ARE ENROLLED IN

1 GRADES NINE THROUGH TWELVE IN THE P-TECH SCHOOL IN THE SCHOOL  
2 DISTRICT'S PUPIL ENROLLMENT, AS DEFINED IN SECTION 22-54-103 (10),  
3 AND MAY INCLUDE THE STUDENTS WHO ARE ENROLLED IN GRADES  
4 THIRTEEN AND FOURTEEN IN THE P-TECH SCHOOL IN THE SCHOOL  
5 DISTRICT'S DISTRICT EXTENDED HIGH SCHOOL PUPIL ENROLLMENT.

6 (b) IF AN INSTITUTE CHARTER SCHOOL IS APPROVED TO OPERATE  
7 A P-TECH SCHOOL PURSUANT TO SECTION 22-35.3-103, THE DEPARTMENT  
8 SHALL INCLUDE THE STUDENTS WHO ARE ENROLLED IN GRADES NINE  
9 THROUGH TWELVE IN THE P-TECH SCHOOL IN THE FUNDED PUPIL COUNT OF  
10 THE INSTITUTE CHARTER SCHOOL'S ACCOUNTING DISTRICT AND SHALL  
11 INCLUDE THE STUDENTS WHO ARE ENROLLED IN GRADES THIRTEEN AND  
12 FOURTEEN IN THE P-TECH SCHOOL IN THE DISTRICT EXTENDED HIGH  
13 SCHOOL PUPIL ENROLLMENT OF THE INSTITUTE CHARTER SCHOOL'S  
14 ACCOUNTING DISTRICT.

15 (2) A STUDENT WHO IS ENROLLED IN GRADE THIRTEEN OR  
16 FOURTEEN IN A P-TECH SCHOOL THAT IS APPROVED PURSUANT TO SECTION  
17 22-35.3-103 IS ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE A STIPEND FROM THE COLLEGE  
18 OPPORTUNITY FUND PURSUANT TO PART 2 OF ARTICLE 18 OF TITLE 23,  
19 C.R.S. THE STIPEND IS PAYABLE TO THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE THAT IS A  
20 PARTNER IN THE APPROVED P-TECH SCHOOL.

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

24 **22-54-103. Definitions.** As used in this article, unless the context  
25 otherwise requires:

26 (5.2) "District ~~ASCENT program~~ EXTENDED HIGH SCHOOL pupil  
27 enrollment" means the number of pupils, on the pupil enrollment count



1 day within the applicable budget year, who are concurrently enrolled in  
2 a postsecondary course, including an academic course or a career and  
3 technical education course, as a participant in the ASCENT program AND  
4 THE NUMBER OF PUPILS, ON THE PUPIL ENROLLMENT COUNT DAY WITHIN  
5 THE APPLICABLE BUDGET YEAR, WHO ARE ENROLLED IN GRADE THIRTEEN  
6 OR FOURTEEN IN A P-TECH SCHOOL. A PUPIL ENROLLED IN A P-TECH  
7 SCHOOL PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 35.3 OF THIS TITLE SHALL BE INCLUDED IN  
8 THE DISTRICT EXTENDED HIGH SCHOOL PUPIL ENROLLMENT AS A  
9 FULL-TIME STUDENT. An ASCENT program participant who is enrolled  
10 in at least twelve credit hours of postsecondary courses, including  
11 academic courses and career and technical education courses, as of the  
12 pupil enrollment count day of the applicable budget year shall be included  
13 in the district ~~ASCENT program~~ EXTENDED HIGH SCHOOL pupil  
14 enrollment as a full-time pupil. An ASCENT program participant who is  
15 enrolled in less than twelve credit hours of postsecondary courses,  
16 including academic courses and career and technical education courses,  
17 as of the pupil enrollment count day of the applicable budget year shall  
18 be included in the district ~~ASCENT program~~ EXTENDED HIGH SCHOOL  
19 pupil enrollment as a part-time pupil.

20 (7) "Funded pupil count" means:

21 (e) (I) For budget years commencing on and after July 1, 2009, the  
22 district's on-line pupil enrollment for the applicable budget year plus the  
23 district's preschool program enrollment for the applicable budget year  
24 plus the district's supplemental kindergarten enrollment for the applicable  
25 budget year plus the district's ~~ASCENT program~~ EXTENDED HIGH SCHOOL  
26 pupil enrollment for the applicable budget year, plus the greater of:

27 (9.7) "P-TECH SCHOOL" MEANS A PATHWAYS IN TECHNOLOGY

1 EARLY COLLEGE HIGH SCHOOL THAT IS APPROVED PURSUANT TO ARTICLE  
2 35.3 OF THIS TITLE.

3 (10) (e.5) A pupil who is enrolled as less than a full-time student,  
4 other than a student described in paragraph (b) or (d) of this subsection  
5 (10) OR A STUDENT ENROLLED IN A P-TECH SCHOOL PURSUANT TO ARTICLE  
6 35.3 OF THIS TITLE, shall be counted in accordance with rules promulgated  
7 by the state board for students who are enrolled as less than full-time  
8 students.

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

12 **22-54-104. District total program - definitions.**

13 (2) (a) (IX) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection (2),  
14 paragraph (g) of subsection (5) or subsection (6) of this section, or section  
15 22-54-104.3, a district's total program for the 2009-10 budget year and  
16 budget years thereafter shall be the greater of the following:

17 (A) (District per pupil funding x (District funded pupil count -  
18 District on-line pupil enrollment - District ~~ASCENT program~~ EXTENDED  
19 HIGH SCHOOL pupil enrollment)) + District at-risk funding + District  
20 on-line funding + District ~~ASCENT program~~ EXTENDED HIGH SCHOOL  
21 funding; or

22 (B) (Minimum per pupil funding x (District funded pupil count -  
23 District on-line pupil enrollment - District ~~ASCENT program~~ EXTENDED  
24 HIGH SCHOOL pupil enrollment)) + District on-line funding + District  
25 ~~ASCENT program~~ EXTENDED HIGH SCHOOL funding.

26 (3.5) Minimum per pupil funding shall be:

27 (d) (III) (A) As used in this subsection (3.5), for the 2009-10

1 budget year and budget years thereafter, "minimum per pupil funding  
2 base" means the total of the calculation specified in sub-subparagraph (B)  
3 of this subparagraph (III) for all districts for the budget year divided by  
4 the statewide funded pupil count minus the statewide on-line pupil  
5 enrollment and minus the statewide ~~ASCENT program~~ EXTENDED HIGH  
6 SCHOOL pupil enrollment, for said budget year.

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

10 (District per pupil funding x (District funded pupil count - District on-line  
11 pupil enrollment - District ~~ASCENT program~~ EXTENDED HIGH SCHOOL  
12 pupil enrollment)) + District at-risk funding.

13 (4.7) (a) For the 2009-10 budget year and budget years thereafter,  
14 a district's ~~ASCENT program~~ EXTENDED HIGH SCHOOL funding shall be  
15 determined in accordance with the following formula:

16 (District ~~ASCENT program~~ EXTENDED HIGH SCHOOL pupil enrollment x  
17 \$6,135, or an amount determined pursuant to paragraph (b) of this  
18 subsection (4.7)).

19 (c) In any budget year in which the provisions of paragraph (g) of  
20 subsection (5) of this section apply, the department of education shall  
21 calculate a district's reduction amount for ~~ASCENT program~~ EXTENDED  
22 HIGH SCHOOL funding by multiplying the negative factor calculated for  
23 the applicable budget year pursuant to sub-subparagraph (A) of  
24 subparagraph (II) of paragraph (g) of subsection (5) of this section by the  
25 amount of the district's ~~ASCENT program~~ EXTENDED HIGH SCHOOL  
26 funding calculated pursuant to paragraph (b) of this subsection (4.7) for  
27 the applicable budget year. A district's ~~ASCENT program~~ EXTENDED

1 HIGH SCHOOL funding for the applicable budget year shall be the greater  
2 of:

3 (I) The district's ~~ASCENT program~~ EXTENDED HIGH SCHOOL  
4 funding calculated for the applicable budget year pursuant to paragraph  
5 (b) of this subsection (4.7) minus the district's reduction amount  
6 calculated for the applicable budget year pursuant to this paragraph (c) for  
7 ~~ASCENT program~~ EXTENDED HIGH SCHOOL funding; or

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

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

13 (g) (VI) For the 2010-11 budget year, two sources of federal  
14 moneys, totaling two hundred sixteen million three hundred fifty-eight  
15 thousand one hundred sixty-four dollars (\$216,358,164), have been made  
16 available to districts and are being allocated to districts by the department  
17 of education based on the formulas specified in subsection (2) of this  
18 section. Accordingly, the state's share of total program funding for all  
19 districts, including the funding for institute charter schools for the  
20 2010-11 budget year, has been reduced by said amount as is reflected in  
21 the sum of total program funding for the 2010-11 budget year specified  
22 in sub-subparagraph (A) of subparagraph (I) of this paragraph (g). For the  
23 2010-11 budget year, it is the general assembly's intent that the  
24 department of education calculate total program funding for the following  
25 purposes as if the state's share of total program funding for the 2010-11  
26 budget year was not reduced as specified in this subparagraph (VI):

27 (C) A district's ~~ASCENT program~~ EXTENDED HIGH SCHOOL

1 funding pursuant to subsection (4.7) of this section; and

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

4 **22-54-112. Reports to the state board.** (2) (a) On or before  
5 November 10 of each year, the secretary of the board of education of each  
6 district shall certify to the state board the pupil enrollment, the on-line  
7 pupil enrollment, the ~~ASCENT program~~ EXTENDED HIGH SCHOOL pupil  
8 enrollment, and the preschool program enrollment of the district taken in  
9 the preceding October or previously in November.

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

12 **23-18-102. Definitions.** As used in parts 1 and 2 of this article,  
13 unless the context otherwise requires:

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

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

17 ~~or~~

18 (I.5) A STUDENT WHO IS ENROLLED IN GRADE THIRTEEN OR  
19 FOURTEEN IN A PATHWAYS IN TECHNOLOGY EARLY COLLEGE HIGH SCHOOL  
20 THAT IS APPROVED AS PROVIDED IN ARTICLE 35.3 OF TITLE 22, C.R.S.; OR

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

23 **23-18-202. College opportunity fund - appropriations -**  
24 **payment of stipends - reimbursement - repeal.** (2) (b) For the state  
25 fiscal year commencing July 1, 2005, and for state fiscal years thereafter,  
26 for an eligible undergraduate student attending a state institution of higher  
27 education, the specified amount of the stipend per credit hour shall be an

1 amount set annually by the general assembly, which in no case shall  
2 exceed the student's total in-state tuition. The value of the per credit hour  
3 stipend shall be the same for each eligible undergraduate student,  
4 regardless of the state institution of higher education that the student  
5 attends. The student shall be responsible for paying the student's share of  
6 total in-state tuition, if any, UNLESS THE STUDENT IS ENROLLED IN GRADE  
7 THIRTEEN OR FOURTEEN AT A PATHWAYS IN TECHNOLOGY EARLY COLLEGE  
8 HIGH SCHOOL PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 35.3 OF TITLE 22, C.R.S.

9 (5) (c) (III) For an eligible undergraduate student who has  
10 completed one or more college courses while enrolled in high school  
11 pursuant to the "Concurrent Enrollment Programs Act", article 35 of title  
12 22, C.R.S., or while designated by the department of education as an  
13 ASCENT program participant pursuant to section 22-35-108, C.R.S., OR  
14 WHILE ENROLLED IN A PATHWAYS IN TECHNOLOGY EARLY COLLEGE HIGH  
15 SCHOOL PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 35.3 OF TITLE 22, C.R.S., all college-level  
16 credit hours earned by the student ~~during such enrollment shall~~ WHILE SO  
17 ENROLLED count against the lifetime limitation described in subparagraph  
18 (I) of this paragraph (c); except that credit hours earned from enrollment  
19 in a basic skills course, as defined in section 23-1-113 (11) (b), shall not  
20 count against the lifetime limitation.

21 (f) Notwithstanding the lifetime-credit-hour limitation established  
22 pursuant to paragraph (c) of this subsection (5) and in addition to the  
23 provisions of paragraph (e) of this subsection (5), a state institution of  
24 higher education may annually grant a one-year waiver of the  
25 lifetime-credit-hour limitation for up to five percent of the eligible  
26 undergraduate students enrolled in the state institution of higher  
27 education. In granting the waivers under this paragraph (f), the state

1 institution of higher education shall, upon request, grant a waiver to an  
2 eligible undergraduate student for courses taken pursuant to the  
3 "Concurrent Enrollment Programs Act", article 35 of title 22, C.R.S., OR  
4 FOR COURSES TAKEN WHILE ENROLLED IN A PATHWAYS IN TECHNOLOGY  
5 EARLY COLLEGE HIGH SCHOOL PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 35.3 OF TITLE 22,  
6 C.R.S. For any remaining portion of the institution's five percent of  
7 eligible undergraduate students who may receive waivers, the institution  
8 shall give priority to students who are seeking job retraining.

9           **SECTION 7. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act  
10 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the  
11 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly  
12 (August 5, 2015, if adjournment sine die is on May 6, 2015); except that,  
13 if a referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of  
14 the state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act  
15 within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take effect  
16 unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in  
17 November 2016 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the  
18 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.