

SENATE COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE AMENDMENT

Committee on Education.

SB22-088 be amended as follows:

1 Amend printed bill, strike everything below the enacting clause and
2 substitute:

3 "SECTION 1. In Colorado Revised Statutes, add 23-3.3-1102 as
4 follows:

5 **23-3.3-1102. Building and construction trade certificate tuition**
6 **assistance grant program - funding - definitions - legislative**
7 **declaration.** (1) THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FINDS, DETERMINES, AND
8 DECLARES THAT:

9 (a) THE LACK OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING IN THE STATE IS A MATTER
10 OF STATEWIDE CONCERN;

11 (b) ACCORDING TO A STUDY OF HOUSING DEVELOPMENT IN
12 COLORADO, THE STATE HAS OVER ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY-FIVE
13 THOUSAND FEWER HOUSING UNITS THAN NEEDED TO RESTORE ITS
14 POPULATION-TO-HOUSING RATIO TO ITS HISTORIC RATIO FROM 1986
15 THROUGH 2008;

16 (c) TO CLOSE THE DEFICIT AND ACCOUNT FOR PROJECTED
17 POPULATION GROWTH, THE STATE WILL NEED TO ADD OVER FIFTY-FOUR
18 THOUSAND HOUSING UNITS A YEAR THROUGH 2026;

19 (d) A SHORTAGE OF AVAILABLE CONSTRUCTION LABOR IS ONE OF
20 THE BARRIERS TO CONSTRUCTING THE ADDITIONAL HOUSING UNITS
21 NEEDED TO ADDRESS THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING CRISIS;

22 (e) FAMILIES ARE RELUCTANT TO SUPPORT THEIR CHILDREN
23 PURSUING A CAREER IN THE CONSTRUCTION AND SKILLED LABOR TRADES
24 DESPITE STRONG PREVAILING WAGES AND LOW BARRIERS TO ENTRY; AND

25 (f) IT IS THEREFORE NECESSARY FOR THE STATE TO ASSIST
26 INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION IN EXPANDING ENROLLMENT OF
27 STUDENTS IN QUALIFYING BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION CERTIFICATE
28 PROGRAMS TO ENSURE COLORADO HAS AN ADEQUATE WORKFORCE TO
29 SUPPORT THE CONSTRUCTION OF ADDITIONAL HOUSING UNITS.

30 (2) AS USED IN THIS SECTION, UNLESS THE CONTEXT OTHERWISE
31 REQUIRES:

32 (a) "AREA TECHNICAL COLLEGE" HAS THE SAME MEANING AS
33 DEFINED IN SECTION 23-60-103.

34 (b) "ELIGIBLE INSTITUTION" MEANS AN AREA TECHNICAL COLLEGE
35 OR A PRIVATE OCCUPATIONAL SCHOOL, AS DEFINED IN SECTION 23-2-102
36 (13).

37 (c) "ELIGIBLE STUDENT" MEANS A STUDENT ENROLLED IN A
38 QUALIFYING BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION CERTIFICATE PROGRAM WHO
39 MEETS THE INCOME ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS ESTABLISHED IN
40 GUIDELINES ADOPTED BY THE COMMISSION.

1 (d) "QUALIFYING BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION TRADE
2 CERTIFICATE PROGRAM" MEANS A BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION TRADE
3 CERTIFICATE PROGRAM THAT:

4 (I) IS DESIGNED FOR STUDENTS IN OCCUPATIONS THAT PERFORM
5 CONSTRUCTION, RECONSTRUCTION, RENOVATION, ALTERATION,
6 DEMOLITION, PAINTING, REPAIR, OR MAINTENANCE WORK FOR ROADS,
7 HIGHWAYS, BUILDINGS, STRUCTURES, INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES, OR
8 IMPROVEMENTS OF ANY TYPE; AND

9 (II) DOES NOT MEET THE MINIMUM CREDIT HOUR REQUIREMENTS
10 FOR THE FEDERAL PELL GRANT PROGRAM.

11 (e) "TUITION ASSISTANCE" MEANS MONEY THAT A STUDENT MAY
12 USE TO PAY FOR TUITION, FEES, AND COURSE MATERIALS.

13 (3) (a) THE COMMISSION SHALL ESTABLISH A TUITION ASSISTANCE
14 GRANT PROGRAM FOR STUDENTS ENROLLING IN QUALIFYING BUILDING AND
15 CONSTRUCTION TRADE CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS TO INCREASE THE NUMBER
16 OF STUDENTS ENROLLED IN SUCH PROGRAMS. AN ELIGIBLE INSTITUTION
17 SEEKING A GRANT PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION SHALL SUBMIT AN
18 APPLICATION TO THE COMMISSION ON A FORM APPROVED BY THE
19 COMMISSION. THE APPLICANT SHALL INDICATE HOW THE GRANT MONEY
20 WILL BE USED TO EXPAND THE NUMBER OF STUDENTS ENROLLED IN
21 QUALIFYING BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION TRADE CERTIFICATE
22 PROGRAMS.

23 (b) SUBJECT TO AVAILABLE APPROPRIATIONS, THE COMMISSION
24 SHALL AWARD GRANTS TO ELIGIBLE INSTITUTIONS. THE DEPARTMENT OF
25 HIGHER EDUCATION AND THE INSTITUTIONS THAT RECEIVE TUITION
26 ASSISTANCE GRANT MONEY PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION SHALL
27 ADMINISTER THE PROGRAM IN ACCORDANCE WITH POLICIES AND
28 PROCEDURES THAT THE COMMISSION ESTABLISHES.

29 (4) THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY SHALL APPROPRIATE ANNUALLY NOT
30 LESS THAN TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS TO SUPPORT THE PROGRAM
31 ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION.

32 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 23-3.3-1101, **add** (3)
33 as follows:

34 **23-3.3-1101. Career and technical education certificate**
35 **program - tuition assistance - funding - definitions.** (3) IF THE
36 COMMISSION DOES NOT ALLOCATE THE FULL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED
37 PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION, THE COMMISSION MAY ALLOCATE THE
38 UNALLOCATED AMOUNT TO THE BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION TRADE
39 CERTIFICATE TUITION ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAM CREATED PURSUANT
40 TO SECTION 23-3.3-1102.

41 **SECTION 3. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act
42 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the
43 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly; except

1 that, if a referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V
2 of the state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this
3 act within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take
4 effect unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in
5 November 2022 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the
6 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor."

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