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C.R.S.A. § 23-60-101

§ 23-60-101. Short title

Currentness

This article shall be known and may be cited as the “Community College and Occupational Education Act of 1967”.

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§ 23-60-102. Legislative declaration

Effective: May 25, 2017

[Currentness](#)

(1) The general assembly hereby finds and declares that the state board for community colleges and occupational education is charged to develop and establish state policy for occupational education and to govern the state system of community colleges. The board shall be responsible for the establishment of statewide career and technical education policy for all the entities which provide such education and shall coordinate all aspects of career and technical education in the state to assure quality programming and efficient delivery of such education.

(2) In its role as the governing authority for the state system of community colleges, the board shall assure a system of two-year program delivery throughout the state coordinated, where appropriate, with the local district colleges. In order to assist the board in carrying out its responsibilities, the general assembly hereby provides for the establishment of local councils to advise the board on the operation of individual community and local district colleges from a local perspective.

(3) The function of the two-year college system is to conduct occupational, technical, and community service programs with no term limitations and general education, including college transfer programs with unrestricted admissions. It is further the intent of this article to develop appropriate occupational education and adult education programs in these and other postsecondary educational institutions, to maintain and expand occupational education programs in the elementary and secondary schools of the state permitting local school districts already having area technical colleges to continue to operate them, and to develop work study and on-the-job training programs designed to acquaint youth with the world of work and to train and retrain youth and adults for employment. The general assembly intends that state agencies concerned with occupational education in the public schools shall cooperate with the board in planning and implementing occupational education programs, to the end that the state of Colorado has complete and well-balanced occupational and adult education programs available to the people of Colorado at all educational levels.

#### Credits

Repealed and reenacted by Laws 1986, H.B.1237, § 1, eff. April 14, 1986. Amended by [Laws 2016, Ch. 58, § 25, eff. Aug. 10, 2016](#); [Laws 2017, Ch. 264, § 61, eff. May 25, 2017](#).

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§ 23-60-103. Definitions

Effective: August 9, 2017

[Currentness](#)

As used in this article 60, unless the context otherwise requires:

(1) “Area technical college” means a school offering approved postsecondary vocational programs for credit, operated by a local school district or by a board of cooperative services, and designated by the general assembly as an area technical college in conformity with standards established by the state board for community colleges and occupational education. Tuition rates and fees charged any person not enrolled in a secondary school curriculum must be uniform for any group classification. For the purposes of this article 60, the following schools are area technical colleges: The Emily Griffith technical college, the technical college of the Rockies, and the Pickens technical college.

(2) “Occupational education” means any education designed to facilitate career and technical or occupational development of individual persons, including, but not limited to, career and technical training or retraining that is given in schools or classes, including field or laboratory work incident thereto, under public supervision and control or under contract with the board or a local educational agency and that is conducted as a part of a program designed to fit individuals for gainful employment as semiskilled or skilled workers or technicians in recognized occupations, but excluding any program to fit individuals for employment in occupations generally considered to be professional or that require a baccalaureate or higher degree. The term further includes career and technical guidance and counseling in connection with such training; instruction related to the occupation for which the person is being trained or necessary for the person to benefit from such training; and the training of persons engaged as or preparing to become career and technical education teachers, teacher-trainers, supervisors, and directors.

(3) “Postsecondary” means related to instruction of students over the age of seventeen years who are not enrolled in a regular program of kindergarten through grade twelve in a public, independent, or parochial school.

(4) A “registered elector” of a district means any person who is at least eighteen years of age, who is a citizen of the United States, who has resided in the state for thirty-two days, in the local college district thirty-two days, and in the dissolution election precinct thirty-two days immediately preceding the election, and who is duly registered.

(5) “Workplace literacy program” means any program of remedial education in basic mathematics or literacy skills sponsored by one or more private employers and offered for the benefit of employees and conducted in the workplace.

**Credits**

Amended by Laws 1974, H.B.1039, § 1, eff. May 1, 1974; Laws 1974, S.B.53, § 70, eff. April 11, 1974; Laws 1979, S.B.249, § 2, eff. July 1, 1979; Laws 1988, H.B.1175, § 2, eff. July 1, 1988; Laws 1995, H.B.95-1020, § 10, eff. April 13, 1995; Laws 2004, Ch. 260, § 1, eff. Aug. 4, 2004; Laws 2006, Ch. 265, § 10, eff. July 1, 2007; Laws 2009, Ch. 284, § 3, eff. May 20, 2009; Laws 2016, Ch. 58, § 26, eff. Aug. 10, 2016; Laws 2017, Ch. 219, § 2, eff. Aug. 9, 2017; Laws 2017, Ch. 264, § 62, eff. May 25, 2017.

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§ 23-60-104. State board for community colleges and occupational  
education--student advisory council--state advisory council

Effective: February 25, 2022

Currentness

(1)(a) Repealed by Laws 2022, Ch. 2 (S.B. 22-013), § 52, eff. Feb. 25, 2022.

(b) There is created a state board for community colleges and occupational education, which is referred to in this article as the “board”. The board is a body corporate and has the authority to adopt a seal and to receive, demand, and hold for all occupational education purposes and for any educational institution under its jurisdiction such money, lands, or other property as may be donated, bequeathed, appropriated, or otherwise made available to the board, and it may use such property in the interests of community and technical colleges and occupational education in this state.

(2)(a)(I) The board consists of:

(A) One member from each congressional district in the state, appointed by the governor with the consent of the senate;

(B) Two members from the state at large, appointed by the governor with the consent of the senate; and

(C) Two members selected pursuant to subsection (2)(a)(III) of this section.

(II) The board shall appoint a director of occupational education and a director of community and technical colleges with the qualifications and background specified by the board. No appointed member shall be an employee of any local district college, community or technical college, school district or agency receiving vocational funds allocated by the board, private institution of higher education, or state or private occupational school in the state. No appointed member shall be an elected or appointed statewide official of the state of Colorado or member of the governing board of any state-supported institution of higher education. The board must at no time have more than a minimum majority of the appointed members affiliated with any one political party. Members of the board shall be appointed so as to ensure that all geographic areas of the state are represented. A state student advisory council of student members who are enrolled for a minimum of nine hours shall be elected, one each, from and by the student bodies of each of the campuses governed by the board.

(III) The first additional member must be a student at a college of a state system of community colleges, and the second additional member must be a member of the faculty of a college of the state system of community colleges. Such members shall be elected

in accordance with procedures established by the board, which procedures must take into account all the colleges within the state system of community colleges. The term of said offices is one year. Said offices are advisory, without the right to vote and without the right to attend executive sessions.

(b) The term of office for each member appointed by the governor is four years; except that a member of the board who is appointed by the governor shall continue to serve until a successor is appointed and confirmed by the senate, and the terms of members appointed by the governor shall be staggered so that no more than a minimum majority of the appointed members' terms expire in the same year. The terms of the offices of members of the state student advisory council shall be one year. A member appointed to the board shall not serve for more than two consecutive full four-year terms. Members of the board shall receive fifty dollars per diem for attendance at official meetings, plus actual and necessary expenses incurred in the conduct of official business.

(c) If a member appointed by the governor moves out of the congressional district from which the member was appointed, a vacancy is created. A member who moves out of such congressional district shall promptly notify the governor of the date of such move, but such notice is not required for the vacancy to occur. Any vacancy in the office of any member of the board appointed by the governor shall be filled by appointment of the governor with the consent of the senate for the unexpired term. Any vacancy on the state student advisory council shall be filled for the unexpired term by appointment by the duly elected student government of the affected campus within thirty days after such vacancy occurs.

(3) Repealed by [Laws 1997, S.B.97-216, § 1, eff. May 27, 1997](#).

(4) The board shall appoint an executive officer of the board, who shall serve at the pleasure of the board and shall receive compensation commensurate with his duties as determined by the board. Offices held by the executive officer and professional personnel are declared to be educational in nature and not under the state personnel system.

#### Credits

Amended by [Laws 1975, H.B.1232, § 8, eff. Jan. 1, 1976](#); [Laws 1975, S.B.384, § 2, eff. Jan. 1, 1976](#); [Laws 1977, H.B.1320, § 1, eff. July 1, 1977](#); [Laws 1978, H.B.1016, § 1, eff. March 17, 1978](#); [Laws 1978, H.B.1017, § 1, eff. April 4, 1978](#); [Laws 1979, H.B.1501, § 36, eff. July 19, 1979](#); [Laws 1981, S.B.240, § 29, eff. July 1, 1981](#); [Laws 1982, S.B.124, § 10, eff. April 30, 1982](#); [Laws 1985, H.B.1187, § 27, eff. July 1, 1985](#); [Laws 1986, H.B.1101, § 26, eff. March 26, 1986](#); [Laws 1986, H.B.1237, § 2, eff. April 14, 1986](#); [Laws 1991, H.B.91-1065, § 40, eff. June 5, 1991](#); [Laws 1991, H.B.91-1100, § 10, eff. April 20, 1991](#); [Laws 1997, S.B.97-216, § 1, eff. May 27, 1997](#); [Laws 2001, Ch. 62, § 2, eff. March 23, 2001](#); [Laws 2006, Ch. 268, § 9, eff. May 26, 2006](#); [Laws 2019, Ch. 58 \(H.B. 19-1152\), § 1, eff. March 28, 2019](#); [Laws 2022, Ch. 2 \(S.B. 22-013\), § 52, eff. Feb. 25, 2022](#).

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