A BILL FOR AN ACT

CONCERNING NOTICE OF POSTSECONDARY COURSE ENROLLMENT OPTIONS AVAILABLE TO HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS.

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://leg.colorado.gov.)

Under current law, a school district, board of cooperative services, district charter school, or institute charter school (local education provider) must notify students and their parents of opportunities for concurrent enrollment in postsecondary courses. The bill requires the notice to include information regarding the benefit of completing concurrent enrollment courses and the local education provider's timelines...
that affect student eligibility to take these courses.

Prior to the beginning of the enrollment period for postsecondary concurrent enrollment courses, the local education provider shall provide students and their parents with written notice of postsecondary courses offered at the local education provider's facility and the cost of those courses, as well as notice regarding postsecondary courses offered at the postsecondary institution's facility and the cost of those courses.

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

SECTION 1. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-35-104, amend (1)(b) as follows:

22-35-104. Enrollment in an institution of higher education - cooperative agreement. (1) (b) (I) Each local education provider shall annually notify all students and parents or legal guardians of students enrolled in the local education provider of the opportunity for concurrent enrollment by qualified students in postsecondary courses, including academic courses and career and technical education courses, which may include course work related to apprenticeship programs and internship programs. The notice provided pursuant to this subsection (1)(b)(I) must include information regarding the financial, academic, and career benefits of concurrent enrollment course completion and the local education provider's timelines affecting student eligibility for concurrent enrollment courses.

(II) At least six weeks prior to the beginning of the enrollment period for postsecondary concurrent enrollment courses, the local education provider shall provide to each student and the parents or legal guardian of the student written notice of all postsecondary courses offered at a local education provider's facility and the cost to the student of each course, as well as options for enrolling in courses at an
INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION’S FACILITY AND THE COST TO THE
STUDENT OF THOSE COURSES. THIS SUBSECTION (1)(b)(II) APPLIES TO ALL
POSTSECONDARY COURSES AVAILABLE TO THE STUDENT REGARDLESS OF
WHETHER THE COURSES MEET THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SECTION.

(III) At the time of enrollment, each local education provider
shall notify the student and the parent or legal guardian of the student if
the postsecondary course in which the student is enrolling, including a
postsecondary course offered as part of a program of off-campus
instruction pursuant to section 23-1-109, C.R.S., does not meet the
requirements of this section. The notice must include information about
other postsecondary courses available to the student pursuant to this
section at low or no cost to the student that are credit-bearing and
applicable toward earning a degree or certificate at an institution of higher
education or at any institution of higher education if the course is
approved for statewide transfer pursuant to section 23-1-125, C.R.S. The
institution of higher education offering the postsecondary course shall
inform the local education provider as to whether the postsecondary
course meets the requirements of this section.

SECTION 2. Act subject to petition - effective date. This act
takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the
ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly (August
8, 2018, if adjournment sine die is on May 9, 2018); except that, if a
referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the
state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act
within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take effect
unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in
November 2018 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.