

# An Act

SENATE BILL 22-056

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also REPRESENTATIVE(S) Young and Will, Bird, Boesenecker, Duran, Esgar, Exum, Herod, Kipp, Lindsay, McCluskie, Mullica, Pelton, Soper, Valdez D., Weissman.

CONCERNING AUTHORIZING THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTHERN COLORADO TO  
OFFER DEGREES IN OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE.

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

**SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 23-40-101, **add** (4) as follows:

**23-40-101. University established - role and mission.** (4) THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTHERN COLORADO MAY OFFER SPECIALIZED DEGREE PROGRAMS IN OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE. THE OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE DEGREE PROGRAMS ARE NOT PROHIBITED BY THE EXCLUSIVE AUTHORITY IN MEDICINE OF THE HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER CAMPUS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO DESCRIBED IN SECTION 23-20-101 (1)(d).

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*Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material added to existing law; dashes through words or numbers indicate deletions from existing law and such material is not part of the act.*

**SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 23-20-101, **amend** (1) introductory portion and (1)(d) as follows:

**23-20-101. University of Colorado - role and mission - all campuses.** (1) The role and mission of the several campuses of the university of Colorado ~~shall be~~ IS as follows:

(d) The health sciences center campus of the university of Colorado shall offer specialized baccalaureate, first-professional, master's, and doctoral degree programs in health-related disciplines and professions. It ~~shall be~~ IS affiliated with the university of Colorado hospital and other health-care facilities that offer settings for education, clinical practice, and basic and applied research. EXCEPT FOR DEGREE PROGRAMS IN OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE DESCRIBED IN SECTION 23-40-101 (4), it ~~shall have~~ HAS exclusive authority in medicine, dentistry, pharmacy, and physical therapy.

**SECTION 3. 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; 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 2022 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.



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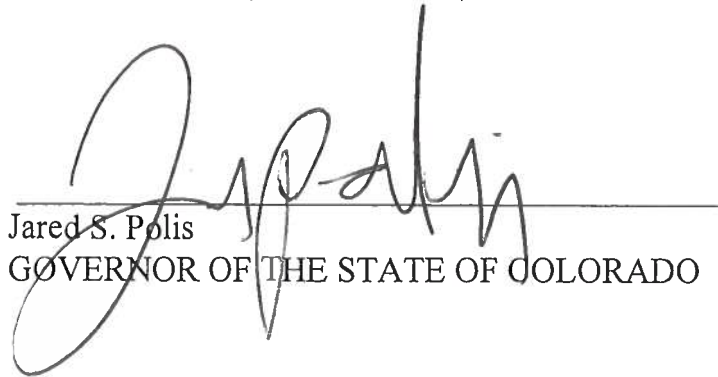


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(Date and Time)



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