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SENATE BILL 03-322

SENATE SPONSORSHIP

Andrews, Dyer, Owen, McElhany, Chlouber, Taylor, May R., Arnold, Cairns, Entz, Evans, Hillman, Johnson S., Jones, and Lamborn

HOUSE SPONSORSHIP

Lee, Harvey, May M., Wiens, Schultheis, Sinclair, Hefley, Clapp, Smith, Briggs, Brophy, Cadman, Crane, Fairbank, Fritz, Lundberg, Rhodes, Rose, Spence, Stafford, and Stengel

Senate Committees

State Veterans & Military Affairs

House Committees

A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING THE REQUIREMENT THAT STATE-SUPPORTED**
102 **INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION VERIFY THE VISA STATUS**
103 **OF ENROLLED FOREIGN STUDENTS FROM SPECIFIED COUNTRIES**
104 **WITH LINKS TO ISLAMIC TERRORISM.**

Bill Summary

(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not necessarily reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted.)

Requires registrars at state-supported institutions of higher education annually to verify with the United States bureau of citizenship and immigration services the visa status of all enrolled foreign students from specified countries with links to Islamic terrorism and to report the visa status to the Colorado commission on higher education.

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.

*Capital letters indicate new material to be added to existing statute.
Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.*

SENATE
3rd Reading Unamended
April 30, 2003

SENATE
Amended 2nd Reading
April 29, 2003

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

2 **SECTION 1. Legislative declaration.** The general assembly
3 finds and declares that:

4 (1) There has been Islamic terrorism against the United States, at
5 home and abroad, since 1979, which culminated in the attacks on the
6 world trade center and the pentagon on September 11, 2001;

7 (2) Islamic terrorism is likely to remain a threat to the United
8 States' homeland security well into the future;

9 (3) Iran, Iraq, Lebanon, Afghanistan, Pakistan, Saudi Arabia,
10 Syria, Sudan, Somalia, Tunisia, Morocco, Yemen, Egypt, Libya, the
11 United Arab Emirates, Malaysia, Indonesia, and the Phillippines are
12 known or suspected to be susceptible to the influence of groups
13 supporting Islamic terrorism; and

14 (4) Student-visa status has previously been used as cover for
15 Islamic terrorist agents in the United States.

16 **SECTION 2.** 23-5-126, Colorado Revised Statutes, is amended
17 BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SUBSECTION to read:

18 **23-5-126. Governing boards - anti-terrorism measures - repeal.**

19 (3) (a) THE REGISTRAR AT EACH STATE-SUPPORTED INSTITUTION OF
20 HIGHER EDUCATION SHALL VERIFY WITH THE UNITED STATES BUREAU OF
21 CITIZENSHIP AND IMMIGRATION SERVICES THE VISA STATUS OF ALL
22 FOREIGN STUDENTS FROM IRAN, IRAQ, LEBANON, AFGHANISTAN,
23 PAKISTAN, SAUDI ARABIA, SYRIA, SUDAN, SOMALIA, TUNISIA, MOROCCO,
24 YEMEN, EGYPT, LIBYA, THE UNITED ARAB EMIRATES, MALAYSIA,
25 INDONESIA, AND THE PHILLIPPINES, WHO ARE ENROLLED AT THE
26 INSTITUTION. EACH REGISTRAR SHALL REPORT THE VISA STATUS OF EACH

1 SUCH STUDENT TO THE COLORADO COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION
2 WITHIN SIXTY DAYS AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS SUBSECTION (3)
3 AND ANNUALLY THEREAFTER.

4 (b) THIS SUBSECTION (3) IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1,
5 2006.

6 **SECTION 3. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,
7 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate
8 preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.