

Review of 2010 Legislation

- HB 1208 – Requires the creation of 14 statewide higher education transfer agreements among all public institutions in key subject areas by July 1, 2016.
- HB 1383 – Shifts about \$30 million from a CollegeInvest scholarship fund into general state funding for need-based scholarships.
- HB 1428 – Takes at least \$15 million from sale of a CollegeInvest loan portfolio into scholarships.
- SB 64 – Makes it easier for resident students to establish eligibility for College Opportunity Fund stipends by just checking a box on college applications.
- SB 79 – Deletes “specialized” graduate programs and changes to “...a limited number of graduate programs” at Mesa State College.
- SB 88 – Permits community college students to declare the equivalent of majors in some fields of study.
- SB 101 – Allows Colorado Mountain College to offer a limited selection of bachelor’s degrees.
- SB 108 – Allows private and propriety colleges to have their courses reviewed for inclusion in the state program of common core course.
- SB 202 – Lets adults open CollegeInvest savings plans to help pay for job-retraining programs. Also allows employers to contribute to employee accounts and take a tax deduction.
- SB 3- Higher Education Tuition Flexibility/ operational flexibility/ master planning
- HB 1030 – Creates a scholarship program for people seeking associate degrees in early childhood education. But, it’s also solely dependent on “gifts, grants and donations.”
- SB 54 – Requires minimum education services for juveniles being held in adult jails. The measure was substantially watered down because of cost concerns.
- HB 1013 – A cleanup bill mostly of note for the fact that it pushes back some Colorado Achievement Plan for Kids deadlines, chiefly the Dec. 15 deadline for the State Board of Education to adopt a new state testing system. That requirement doesn’t kick in until doing so is “fiscally practicable.”

Did not pass, but interesting

- HB 1206 – Voting power for student members of the CSU board
- HCR 1007 – Proposed constitutional amendment to divert some lottery revenues to education in tight budget years
- SB 5 – Funding to ensure continuity of services from preschool to kindergarten
- SB 17 – Creation of a pilot program to study weighted student funding
- SB 107 – Requiring state approval for high schools to use Indian mascots
- SB 215 – Expansion of video lottery terminals to fund college scholarships
- SCR 4 – Keno-for-colleges, a proposed constitutional amendment to do the same thing as SB 215
- SCR 002/HCR 1002 which, had it passed, would have referred a measure to the ballot for citizens to give the General Assembly authority to raise additional revenues for P-20 education (that is, exempt P-20 Ed from TABOR).