## TOPIC: Degree Authorization - Approval of Dual Enrollment Authorization for Baylor University

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1. **SUMMARY**

This consent item recommends the renewal of dual enrollment authorization for Baylor University under the Degree Authorization Act.

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## BACKGROUND

The Colorado Commission on Higher Education (CCHE) has statutory responsibility for administration of Title 23, Article 2 of the Colorado Revised Statutes, commonly referred to as the Degree Authorization Act (DAA). The Act sets out the terms by which the Commission may authorize accredited private colleges and universities, out-of-state public colleges and universities, and seminaries and bible colleges to operate in Colorado.

The DAA outlines the Department’s jurisdiction over private education programs available to the residents of the state of Colorado. The DAA establishes standards to (1) prevent misrepresentation, fraud, and collusion in offering educational programs to the public and (2) protect, preserve, foster, and encourage the educational programs offered by private educational institutions, which meet generally recognized criteria of quality and effectiveness as determined through voluntary accreditation.

Institutions of higher education continue to evolve the way they educate the students. Based on the changes made at institutions, the Commission voted to approve a new authorization level in CCHE policy, Section I, Part J that addresses the presence of institutions in Colorado that are only providing instruction for dual enrollment students.

Dual enrollment authorization is for out-of-state institutions that intend to partner with a local high school to provide college course instruction to interested high school students. Institutions authorized for dual enrollment must renew their authorization annually to ensure the instruction at the local high school remains the only presence the institution triggers in Colorado.

1. **STAFF ANALYSIS**

Baylor University is a private, not-for-profit, institutionally accredited postsecondary institution located in Waco, Texas. The Southern Association of Colleges and Schools has accredited the University since 1914.

Baylor University has been partnering with a local private high school to offer two dual credit courses. The Baylor courses the students allow students to earn credit for are Intro to Engineering and Intro to Business. These courses are not available for AP credit but are freshman level classes for those who are interested in pursuing those fields of study.

Upon review of the materials provided by Baylor University, staff has determined the University’s activities in Colorado continue to meet the requirements for dual enrollment authorization.

1. **STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

**Staff recommends the Commission approve the renewal of dual enrollment authorization for Baylor University.**

1. **STATUTORY AUTHORITY**

C.R.S §23-2-103.3(5)

A private college or university that has authorization from the commission pursuant to this section and maintains its accreditation shall apply to the department for reauthorization in accordance with the schedule for reaccreditation by its accrediting body or every three years, whichever is longer. A seminary or religious training institution shall apply for reauthorization every three years. A private college or university or seminary or religious training institution that seeks reauthorization shall submit an application in accordance with the procedures and policies adopted by the commission and shall pay the reauthorization fee established by the commission pursuant to [§23-2-104.5](http://web.lexisnexis.com/research/buttonTFLink?_m=0440209b70196c0a450023ec95de11c7&_xfercite=%3ccite%20cc%3d%22USA%22%3e%3c%21%5bCDATA%5bC.R.S.%2023-2-103.3%5d%5d%3e%3c%2fcite%3e&_butType=4&_butStat=0&_butNum=3&_butInline=1&_butinfo=COCODE%2023-2-104.5&_fmtstr=FULL&docnum=1&_startdoc=1&wchp=dGLzVzB-zSkAb&_md5=fccf21cdb05ad81de4864a4d217ac5a1).