

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

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Action: Do Pass with Amendments to the A-Eng. Measure (Printed B-Eng.)

Vote: 5 - 0 - 0

Yeas: George, Monnes Anderson, Prozanski, Telfer, Rosenbaum

Nays: 0

Exc.: 0

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Meeting Dates: 5/18

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Defines career pathways certificate of completion program (career pathways program) as one that: 1) is offered by community college; 2) provides specified proficiency in specific skills to meet employment need; 3) is provided in grouping of 12 to 44 quarter credits; 4) is wholly contained within associate degree program or similar certification program of 45 or more quarter credits; and 5) satisfies requirements of program prescribed by Department of Community Colleges and Workforce Development (CCWD). Provides that, at least 30 business days before community college seeking final approval from the State Board of Education (board) to offer new career pathways program, governing board of community college or its designee (program authority) shall supply notice of intent to offer to CCWD. Provides that CCWD shall give notice to any private institution that may be affected by new career pathways program. Requires private institution that objects to career pathways program to provide notice of objection to program authority within 12 business days of receiving notice. Requires program authority to offer institution that objected opportunity to participate in meeting, and to postpone seeking final approval from board for career pathways program. Requires community college and private institution to participate in meeting for purposes of avoiding adverse impact. Provides that program authority may seek final approval from board following postponement if agreement is reached between program authority and private institution, or if program authority and private institution are unable to reach agreement within 15 business days. Permits program authority and private institution to mutually agree to different timelines.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Possibility of redundant public and private programs
- Importance of developing career pathways programs in current economy
- Possibility of collaboration between public and private programs

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** Clarifies who is to receive notice of intent to offer new career pathways program.

**BACKGROUND:** House Bill 3117 B provides a dispute resolution process when a community college seeks to offer a new career pathways program that may be offered by a private institution, such as a career school. Career pathways focus on employers' needs for specific occupational competencies and are tied to demand occupations in local or state labor markets. Career pathways programs are developed in collaboration with employers, workforce partners, and education faculty. House Bill 3117 B defines a career pathways program and establishes a procedure to be followed when a community college seeks to offer a career pathways program.