

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued

Action:	Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed and Be Referred to the Committee on Ways & Means
Vote:	5 - 0 - 0
Yeas:	Bonamici, Kruse, Metsger, Morse, Hass
Nays:	0
Exc.:	0
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Meeting Dates:	4/8, 4/27

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Requires each school district to provide students in grades 9-12 with accelerated college credit programs and ensure that such students have online access to accelerated college credit programs. Requires the State Board of Education, in consultation with the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission, to adopt standards for training teachers to provide instruction in accelerated college credit programs. Requires the Department of Education to seek federal funds for training teachers and assisting students in paying for tests or fees related to accelerated college credit programs. Specifies that, beginning with the 2012-2013 school year, offerings in accelerated college credit programs will include English, mathematics, and science. Carries effective date of July 1, 2012.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Rural access to coursework
- Curriculum and training for providing Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate courses
- Constitutional requirement to offer a uniform and general system of common schools

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Specifies that all offerings in accelerated college credit programs will include English, mathematics, and science beginning with the 2012-2013 school year. Carries effective date of July 1, 2012.

BACKGROUND: In 2005, the Legislative Assembly enacted Senate Bill 300 that promoted the expansion of accelerated college credit opportunities for high school students across the state. Since then, school districts have been required to offer an "Expanded Options Program" that allows for dual enrollment at a college or university. Districts that offer other accelerated college credit options may request a waiver from this requirement.