

**PRELIMINARY** STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

CARRIER:

Senate Committee on Education

**REVENUE:** No revenue impact

**FISCAL:** Fiscal statement issued

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**Action:**

**Vote:**

**Yeas:**

**Nays:**

**Exc.:**

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**Meeting Dates:** 4/30

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Directs Higher Education Coordinating Commission (HECC) and State Board of Education (SBE) to oversee work group on community college placement to include consideration of use of statewide summative assessment. Requires preliminary report to Legislative Assembly no later than February 1, 2016 and final report no later than September 15, 2016. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:**

**BACKGROUND:** Community colleges routinely test prospective students who wish to enroll in courses with reading, writing or math prerequisites. Some studies have indicated that the tests used for such purposes are not a reliable indicator of student readiness.

House Bill 2681-A requires the HECC and the SBE to oversee a work group jointly convened to address this issue. The work group is to include in its deliberations the possibility of using a statewide summative assessment for students entering community college directly from high school.