

SB 78

Relating to teacher education

SB 78 requires the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission to establish standards that require a teacher education program to be accredited by a national organization. These standards for accreditation become operative July 1, 2022.

The bill establishes the Teacher Education Program Accreditation Account to support programs undergoing the accreditation process with grants administered by the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission. The bill also appropriates \$200,000 General Fund to the account, and abolishes the account on July 1, 2022.

The Subcommittee recommends adoption of an amendment which increases Other Funds limitation for the Commission by \$83,643 in the 2015-17 biennium to support one limited duration Principal Executive Management position (0.50 FTE) which will develop the standards for accreditation.

The Education Subcommittee recommends SB 78 be amended by the -A2 amendment and be reported out do pass, as amended.