

**HB 2870**

**Relating to higher education**

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HB 2870 provides the Higher Education Coordinating Commission with the authority to enter into contracts with independent, nonprofit postsecondary institutions to review and act on complaints filed against the institutions and to adopt rules governing the resolution of complaints.

The bill is necessary to ensure compliance with Title IV (*four*) of the Federal Higher Education Act, which requires that states have a complaint review process for all post-secondary institutions.

The committee recommends an amendment which provides additional clarification to the activities for which the Higher Education Coordinating Commission may develop the process to resolve these complaints. The amendment also increases Other Funds limitation to the Higher Education Coordinating Commission by \$198,452 in the 2015-17 biennium.

The Education Subcommittee recommends HB 2870 be amended by the -A4 amendment and be reported out do pass, as amended.