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Measure Description:

Revises types of programs considered accelerated college credit programs for purpose of requirement that school districts provide accelerated college credit programs.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Higher Education Coordinating Commission, Chief Education Office, Department of Education

Analysis:

The bill, as amended by the - 5 amendment, establishes the 12-member Task Force on Accelerated Learning, which is charged with determining how to implement equitable and sustainable funding for accelerated college credit programs and transitional supports. Five members will be appointed by the Superintendent of Public Instruction, five members will be appointed by the Higher Education Coordinating Commission, and two members will be appointed by the Chief Education Officer. The task force must submit a progress report on its findings to the Legislative Assembly no later than February 1, 2018. The Chief Education Office (CEdO) is required to provide staff support to the task force. The bill takes effect on passage.

The fiscal impact of this bill on CEdO is indeterminate depending on the scope of work undertaken by the task force. CEdO anticipates reprioritizing duties and responsibilities of existing staff to support the task force. However, if CEdO is expected to perform additional research and/or data collection, these costs cannot be quantified until the task force convenes and defines the scope of this work.

The fiscal impact to the following agencies is anticipated to be minimal and absorbable within existing budgetary parameters: Department of Education, Higher Education Coordinating Commission.