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**To:** Ways and Means Full Committee

**From:** Education Subcommittee

**Re:** HB 2998 Relating to transfer of credits to public post-secondary institutions of education

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**Representative Whisnant:** “HB 2998 requires community colleges and public universities to establish foundational curricula and statewide transfer agreements so community college students may smoothly transfer academic credits to a public university.

The Higher Education Coordinating Commission is required to convene meetings with community colleges and public universities to establish at least one foundational curriculum for use by the beginning of the 2018-19 school year. The Commission must provide a report on the status of the foundational curricula to the Legislative Assembly no later than February 1, 2018.

Further meetings must be convened by the Commission to facilitate the establishment of one unified statewide transfer agreement by 2018, two agreements in 2019, and three agreements per year by 2020 and beyond. It must also report annually to the Legislative Assembly regarding the status of these agreements.

The Subcommittee recommends the adoption of an amendment that appropriates \$220,490 General Fund for two part-time positions (0.96 FTE) to convene meetings, conduct data analysis, and write the legislatively required reports.

The Education Subcommittee recommends HB 2998 be amended by the –A5 amendment and be reported out do pass, as amended.”