

HB 2809 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Education

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Directs Higher Education Coordinating Commission to establish competency-based pilot program to assist public post-secondary institutions of education with expanding competency-based education. Requires program issue one or more grants to institutions to fund state-up costs to implement competency-based education within recipient institution, and encourage marketing and promotion of programs to out-of-state individuals. Amends postsecondary reporting requirement from HECC to include competency-based education programs implementation and analysis. Appropriates \$200,000 out of General Fund beginning July 1, 2019. Repeals pilot program on January 2, 2022. Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2019.

REVENUE: May have revenue impact, but no statement yet issued

FISCAL: May have fiscal impact, but no statement yet issued

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Competency-based education is an approach to education that focuses on learning concrete skills. As opposed to courses that have exams testing the understanding of the entire course, competency based learning allows the student to be tested on each learning outcome and cannot move past one outcome without mastering the prior one.

House Bill 2809 establishes a competency-based pilot program to assist in expanding competency-based education in post-secondary institutions through grants. It allocates \$200,000 out of the General Fund for this purpose.