

HB 2216 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Education

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Removes sunset date on the requirement that public universities interview at least one qualified minority applicant when hiring a head coach or athletic director, making the law permanent.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

In 2009, the legislature passed House Bill 3118, requiring public universities to interview at least one qualified minority candidate for head coach or athletic director positions. The act provides an exception if the public university is not able to identify a minority applicant to interview for the position, and an affirmative defense to a claim of a violation if the public university acts in good faith. The 2009 legislation includes a sunset date of January 2, 2020. House Bill 2216 repeals the sunset date, making the law permanent.