FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION **Measure: SB 730 A**

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Measure Description:
Integrates foundational curricula and unified statewide transfer agreements into Transfer Student Bill of Rights and Responsibilities.

Government Unit(s) Affected:
Community Colleges, Public Universities, Higher Education Coordinating Commission (HECC)

Summary of Fiscal Impact:
Costs related to the measure may require budgetary action - See analysis.

Summary of Expenditure Impact:

	2019-21 Biennium	2021-23 Biennium
General Fund	$930,000	$356,819
Total Funds	**$930,000**	**$356,819**
Positions	2	2
FTE	1.50	1.50

Analysis: This bill incorporates foundational curricula and unified statewide transfer agreements into credit transfer standards required under the Transfer Students Bill of Rights and Responsibilities. Defines foundational curricula. Requires the Higher Education Coordinating Commission (HECC) to submit an annual report on transfer students to the legislature. Removes requirement that community colleges and public universities submit individual reports. Requires the report to include the average number of credits accepted by the public university. Directs HECC to establish an advisory committee to provide recommendations to HECC staff on implementing the Student Transfer Bill of Rights and Responsibilities, including developing electronic system to share information on transfer pathways.

HECC has identified the need for two positions to perform the work required in the bill. An Operations and Policy Analyst 4 (1.00 FTE) position will be responsible for: (1) convening, consulting, and coordinating with universities, community colleges, and various stakeholders; (2) assisting in the development of standards; and (3) managing creation of the transfer portal. A Research Analyst 3 (0.5 FTE) will be responsible for data collection and reporting. Total personal services and associated services and supplies costs are estimated to total $356,819 General Fund in 2019-21. In addition, HECC will need an estimated $573,181 General Fund to develop a transfer portal to be used by students, families, and advisers to identify how and where credits may transfer.

Public Universities indicate that they will have an impact of $70,000 (average $10,000 per university) for travel and faculty release time related to support of the advisory committee.

This measure warrants a subsequent referral to the Joint Committee on Ways and Means for consideration of its budgetary impact on the State's General Fund.