

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

Measure: HB 2809

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Measure Description:

Directs Higher Education Coordinating Commission to establish competency-based education pilot program.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Community Colleges, Public Universities, Higher Education Coordinating Commission (HECC)

Summary of Fiscal Impact:

Costs related to the measure are indeterminate at this time - See explanatory analysis.

Analysis: The bill directs the Higher Education Coordinating Commission (HECC) to establish competency-based pilot programs to assist public post-secondary institutions of education with expanding competency-based education and requires program to issue one or more grants to institutions to fund start-up costs to implement competency-based education within recipient institution and encourage marketing and promotion of programs to out-of-state individuals. The bill also amends postsecondary reporting requirement from HECC to include competency-based education programs implementation and analysis and appropriates \$200,000 General Fund for grants to the pilot programs.

HECC states that Universities will not have a fiscal impact for promoting programs already in place, but there will be a fiscal impact associated with establishing new competency-based education programs. HECC will need to write new rules necessary for the administration of the pilot program, including a method for reviewing and approving grant applications. HECC will need one Program Analyst 1 (0.20 FTE) to accomplish this work. This will cost approximately \$30,326 and will be paid out of the General Fund appropriation.

It is unclear what the costs of starting a new competency-based program would be for a public university. It is not known how many programs could be started with the roughly \$170,000 General Fund remaining after the HECC part-time position is funded.