FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

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Measure Description:

Directs Higher Education Coordinating Commission to develop and implement pilot program to assist foster youth transitioning from community colleges to public universities.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

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

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	\$85,171	\$170,344
Total Funds	\$85,171	\$170,344
Positions	1	1
FTE	0.50	1.00

Analysis: The bill directs the Higher Education Coordinating Commission (HECC) to collaborate with community colleges and universities to implement a pilot program to assist foster youth transitioning from community colleges to public universities, establishes criteria for the pilot program, allocates Lottery Funds from the Administrative Services Economic Development Fund to finance programs developed under the pilot program, and establishes the Foster Youth Promise Support Program Fund. The bill also requires the HECC to report on the efficacy of the pilot program to the Legislature for five regular sessions of the Legislature beginning in 2020.

HECC states it will need one permanent Program Analyst 1 (0.50 FTE) position in the 2019-21 biennium to analyze and coordinate existing programs, develop and administer the pilot program, and generate the required report. The position would roll-up to 1.00 FTE in the 2021-23 biennium. The bill also has a blank allocation from the Administrative Services Economic Development Fund, and it is not clear, at this time, how much will be needed to fund any new programs that may come out of the pilot. In addition, the timing of the actual funding of the programs is unknown. Any Lottery Funds allocation would be deposited in the Foster Youth Promise Support Program Fund.

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 and Lottery Fund.