

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

Measure: SB 1521

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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:

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

Summary of Fiscal Impact:

Costs related to the measure may require budgetary action - See analysis.

Analysis: The measure directs the Higher Education Coordinating Commission to develop standards for minimizing complexity of unified statewide transfer agreements and to develop processes for resolving requests for variances to unified statewide transfer agreements or disputes over what courses are included in unified statewide transfer agreements. In addition, the measure requires HECC to establish an advisory committee to design standards and implement a Transfer Bill of Rights and Responsibilities.

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. The agency has reported that it requires over \$550,000 General Fund in the 2019-21 biennium for contracting with a business and operations consulting firm and a position to meet the requirements of the bill. This amount merits a referral to the Joint Committee on Ways and Means. The Legislative Fiscal Office (LFO) will work with the agency to estimate the funding requirements necessary to develop informational technology tools and, as well as other resources needed to realize the intent of the measure. In addition, the ongoing costs of development, staffing, and maintenance into the 2021-23 biennium need to be fully understood and will need to be vetted through the Joint Committee on Ways and Means process.