

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

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Measure: HB 4128 A

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Measure Description:

Requires each public post-secondary institution of education to develop and use assessment system to determine student eligibility to enroll in lower-division collegiate coursework in English or mathematics.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

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

Summary of Fiscal Impact:

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

Analysis: The measure, as amended, requires each public university and community college to develop and use a multiple measurement assessment system to determine if a student should be enrolled in lower-division collegiate coursework in writing or Mathematics. Faculty and administration must work in collaboration to develop the assessment system. The bill provides examples of the multiple measures and directs an institution using a standardized assessment instrument to ensure that the assessment instrument is culturally responsive and not the primary weight for determining student eligibility. The bill allows the institution to require a student be placed in a course designed to prepare the student for a lower-division collegiate course in writing or Mathematics if the assessment finds that with additional support the student is unlikely to be successful.

Two community colleges have been identified that are not in compliance with provisions of the bill and the estimated impact on these institutions is \$80,000 each to make the necessary changes to come into compliance. Other colleges can make modifications to policies and procedures with existing resources.

The fiscal impact on public universities is indeterminate since they will require more time to evaluate current practices and see if and where changes are required. Public universities do expect some cost increase as a result of the bill.