

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

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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 (HECC) 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.

The agency has reported that it requires **\$555,749** General Fund in the 2019-21 biennium for contracting with a business and operations consulting firm and a position to **conduct a needs assessment with transfer students, parents, advisors and institutions to identify communication gaps, technology solutions to overcome communication gaps, and develop a Request for Proposals for the technology solutions identified through the needs assessment.** meet the requirements of the bill. HECC has estimated the cost over a 5-year period to develop the transfer portal of between \$2.0 and \$3.0 million for development, implementation, and maintenance. This amount may change depending upon the results the needs assessment and business case development. The estimate does not include the cost of student advising, governance, efficacy assessments, or financial auditing of system(s).