

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

SB 551

Relating to employees at public institutions of higher education

To:	Ways and Means Full Committee
From:	Education Subcommittee
Carrier:	Senator Frederick

SB 551 provides policy requirements and funding for part-time faculty health insurance assistance.

This bill provides resources and policy requirements for those part-time faculty that work at a level at least equal to half of a full-time equivalent faculty member. The part-time faculty member is responsible for 10% of the premium with the state picking up the remaining 90%. The increase in the cost of the health insurance is limited to the same annual limits as plans under PEBB and OEGB are.

A part-time faculty member must identify a home community college or public university to manage his health insurance including collecting the employees share of the premium and paying the full premium to the agency providing the insurance coverage. The home institution may request reimbursement from the State for the 90% share of the premium every three months.

There is a \$12.9 million General Fund appropriation to the Higher Education Coordinating Commission to pay for the 90% state share.

The Education Subcommittee recommends SB 551 be amended by the –3 amendment and be reported out do pass, as amended.