

HB 2841 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Higher Education and Workforce Development

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure requires public colleges and universities to have full-time faculty teach at least 65 percent of courses in the 2026-2027 academic year and 75 percent of courses starting in the 2027-2028 academic year. It requires the Higher Education Coordinating Commission (HECC) to report to the legislature on each institution's compliance starting in December 2027.

Fiscal impact: May have fiscal impact, but no statement yet issued.

Revenue impact: May have revenue impact, but no statement yet issued.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

In the 2023 session, the Legislative Assembly considered [House Bill 3115 \(2023\)](#), which also would have required full-time employees to teach 75 percent of total credit hours at public institutions of higher education by the 2027-2028 academic year. That measure would have had a longer implementation phase, with institutions required to have progressively higher percentages of courses taught by full-time faculty starting at 45 percent in the 2024-2025 academic year and reaching 75 percent in the 2027-2028 academic year. House Bill 3115 (2023) also would have withheld legislative appropriations from institutions that failed to comply.

The Legislative Assembly previously considered [House Bill 2578 \(2007\)](#), which would have required full-time faculty to teach 75 percent of undergraduate courses, allowing smaller academic departments to increase their full-time staffing annually and meet the 75 percent threshold by 2013.