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Short Title

*Transparency College Courses
High School Students*

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Status

This research note reflects the final version of the bill which became effective March 31, 2016.

Summary

This bill requires local education providers to notify students enrolled in postsecondary courses and their parents whether or not the courses in which they are enrolled meet the requirements of state law relating to concurrent enrollment. The bill requires the notice to include information about other postsecondary courses available to the student at low or no cost to the student that may be credit-bearing and applicable toward a degree or certificate if the course is transferable, and requires institutions of higher education offering the postsecondary courses to inform local education providers whether or not the courses offered to high school students meet concurrent enrollment requirements.

Background

Concurrent enrollment allows students to enroll in courses at an institution of higher education that simultaneously count as credit toward high school graduation and toward a degree or certificate at the institution of higher education offering the course. Some postsecondary courses available to high school students do not qualify as concurrent enrollment. Other courses meet concurrent enrollment requirements, but are not transferable from one institution of higher education to another.

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House Action

House Education Committee (February 8, 2016). At the hearing, a representative of Morgan Community College and the Colorado Community College System spoke in support of the bill. The committee adopted amendment L.001, which required institutions of higher education to notify local education providers about the status of courses offered to high school students. The committee referred the bill, as amended, to the House Committee of the Whole.

House second reading (February 10, 2016). The House Committee of the Whole adopted the Education Committee report and passed the bill with no amendments.

House third reading (February 11, 2016). The House passed the bill with no amendments.

House Consideration of Senate Amendments (March 11, 2016). The House concurred with Senate amendments to the bill.

Senate Action

Senate Education Committee (March 3, 2016). At the hearing, representatives of Morgan Community College and the Colorado Community College System spoke in support of the bill. The committee referred the bill, unamended, to the Senate Committee of the Whole.

Senate Second Reading (March 9, 2016). The Senate Committee of the Whole passed the bill with no amendments.

House Third Reading (March 10, 2016). The Senate adopted amendment No. 1 by Senator Heath. The amendment added a safety clause to the bill. The Senate passed the bill, as amended.