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Bill Summary

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Overview

In 1997, the legislature established a prospective policy of allowing a public post secondary institution to charge to a public high school the tuition costs of providing remedial instruction in reading, writing or math to a recent high school graduate. This warranty applies to students graduating from a public high school on or after May 1, 1999. Under existing law, the warranty would not apply if the high school demonstrates, through the results of a standardized test, that the student achieved an eighth grade level performance before graduating. The bill proposes to create a second exception to the warranty: when a student refuses to repeat a grade at the recommendation of a public school and instead enrolls in the subsequent grade, a high school is not required to pay the student's tuition costs for remedial instruction under this section.

- 1 High school diploma warranty coverage.** Creates a second exception to the requirement that beginning May 1, 1999, a public high school pay certain tuition costs that a recent graduate incurs in taking a remedial reading, writing or math course. Waives a public high school's obligation to pay tuition if a student refuses to repeat a grade at the recommendation of the public school and instead enrolls in the subsequent grade.
- 2 Effective date.** Makes section 1 immediately effective and, if the effective date is after May 1, 1999, makes the section retroactively effective to that date.