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Bill Summary

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Overview

Requires participation and expenditure information for career and technical education courses offered as a concurrent enrollment course. Allows 9th and 10th grade students to apply to enroll in a concurrent enrollment course, subject to the approval of the affected school district and the postsecondary institution. Removes the limits on postsecondary enrollment options course taking for students not on track to graduate. Makes general fund appropriations to the Office of Higher Education and the Department of Education to develop and expand concurrent enrollment courses, including courses in career and technical education, disseminate information, and provide teacher training.

Section

- 1** **Rigorous course taking information; AP; IB; and PSEO.** In the annual legislative report on rigorous course taking, directs the education commissioner to disaggregate the data by student group, school district, and postsecondary institution. Directs the commissioner to include information on participation and expenditures for career and technical education courses offered as a concurrent enrollment course.
- 2** **Authorization; notification.** Allows 9th and 10th grade students to apply to enroll in a concurrent enrollment course, subject to the discretion of the school district and the postsecondary institution providing the course.
- 3** **Limit on participation.** Removes the limits on postsecondary enrollment options program participation for students the school district determines are not on track to graduate.

Section

4 Office of Higher Education; appropriation.

Subd. 1. Office of Higher Education. Appropriates the indicated general fund sums to the Office of Higher Education for the fiscal years indicated.

Subd. 2. Concurrent enrollment courses. Appropriates \$1,000,000 in fiscal year 2016 and \$1,000,000 in fiscal year 2017 for postsecondary institutions to develop new concurrent enrollment courses in career and technical education.

Subd. 3. Concurrent enrollment expansion grants. Appropriates \$150,000 in fiscal year 2016 and \$150,000 in fiscal year 2017 for postsecondary institutions to expand existing concurrent enrollment programs. Directs the education commissioner to determine the application process and grant amounts and to give preference to programs currently at capacity. Allows funds to carry forward into the second fiscal year.

5 Appropriation.

Subd. 1. Department of Education. Appropriates the indicated general fund sums to the Department of Education for the fiscal years indicated.

Subd. 2. Concurrent enrollment program. Appropriates \$9,000,000 in fiscal year 2016 and \$9,000,000 in fiscal year 2017 for concurrent enrollment programs. Directs the education commissioner to proportionately reduce the aid payment if the appropriation is insufficient.

Subd. 3. Dual-credit program information grants. Appropriates \$200,000 in fiscal year 2016 for grants to community organizations to disseminate information on dual-credit programs. Allows funds to carry forward into the second fiscal year.

Subd. 4. Concurrent enrollment start-up grants. Appropriates \$1,000,000 in fiscal year 2016 and \$1,000,000 in fiscal year 2017 to develop concurrent enrollment courses for career and technical education. Allows funds to carry forward into the second fiscal year.

Subd. 5. Concurrent enrollment teacher training. Appropriates \$250,000 in fiscal year 2016 and \$250,000 in fiscal year 2017 to send teachers to training programs and workshops. Directs the education commissioner to determine the application process and subsidy amounts. Allows funds to carry forward into the second fiscal year.

Subd. 6. Concurrent enrollment teacher qualification. Appropriates \$500,000 in fiscal year 2016 and \$500,000 in fiscal year 2017 for teacher course work, learning assessments, and training needed to qualify to teach college courses through concurrent enrollment. Allows school districts to apply to the education commissioner for a grant on behalf of teachers. Directs the commissioner to determine the payment and subsidy amounts. Allows funds to carry forward into the second fiscal year.