

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

Measure: SB 234 - 4

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Measure Description:

Directs Higher Education Coordinating Commission to convene a stakeholder group to conduct a study and develop recommendations on how to establish a coordinated, statewide approach to best serve adults currently in custody who are eligible to receive student grants under federal program.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Higher Education Coordinating Commission (HECC), Department of Corrections (DOC)

Summary of Fiscal Impact:

Costs related to the measure are anticipated to be minimal - See explanatory analysis.

Analysis:

SB 234 with the -4 amendment directs the Higher Education Coordinating Commission (HECC) to convene a stakeholder group to conduct a study to develop recommendations on how to establish a coordinated, statewide approach to best serve adults currently in custody who are eligible to receive federal student grants. The stakeholder group is to include representatives (students and faculty) of community colleges and public universities as well as representatives of advocates for prison education, current or former adults held in custody, and the Department of Corrections. The stakeholder group must report its recommendation to an interim committee of the Legislative Assembly by December 31, 2021. The stakeholder group sunsets on June 30, 2022. The measure takes effect on passage.

Higher Education Coordinating Commission (HECC)

Although complying with the provisions of this measure will increase workload for HECC, the Commission anticipates absorbing the cost of convening a stakeholder group and conducting a study and develop recommendations on how to establish a coordinated, statewide approach to best serve adults in custody who are eligible to receive federal student grants.

Department of Corrections (DOC)

The fiscal impact of this measure on DOC is anticipated to be minimal. DOC will reprioritize duties of existing staff to participate in the stakeholder group.