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HB17-1201

FISCAL NOTE

FISCAL IMPACT: State Local Statutory Public Entity Conditional No Fiscal Impact

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Prime Sponsor(s): Rep. Coleman
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BILL TOPIC: SCIENCE TECH ENGINEERING MATH DIPLOMA ENDORSEMENT

Summary of Legislation

This bill allows but does not require that a local education provider (LEP) grant a diploma endorsement in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) to a graduating high school student who demonstrates mastery in the STEM disciplines. The bill identifies the minimum requirements a student must satisfy to be eligible to receive the endorsement, including completing a coherent sequence of courses totaling at least 12 credit hours, achieving specific scores on STEM-related assessments, and completing a final capstone project.

Each LEP choosing to offer a STEM endorsement is required to work with STEM-related businesses and with appropriate institutions of higher education to establish the proficiency levels of mastery students must demonstrate in various STEM competencies in order to receive the endorsement. These LEPs must also communicate information about the endorsement to parents, and to students in grades 6 through 12.

School District Impact

The bill increases the workload for any LEP that chooses to offer a STEM endorsement to students. Districts will need to work with partners in industry and higher education to establish the levels of proficiency necessary to demonstrate mastery in various STEM competencies, track STEM assessments and scores, identify the scope and sequence of necessary courses, increase counseling services for students, and verify results for inclusion of the endorsement on the student's transcript and diploma.

Effective Date

The bill takes effect upon signature of the Governor, or upon becoming law without his signature.

State and Local Government Contacts

Education

School Districts

Research Note Available

An LCS Research Note for HB17-1201 is available online and through the iLegislate app. Research notes provide additional policy and background information about the bill and summarize action taken by the General Assembly concerning the bill.