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FISCAL NOTE

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

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<b>Prime Sponsor(s):</b> Rep. Coleman	<b>Bill Status:</b> Signed into Law
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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 and achieving at least a 3.5 grade point average on a 4.0 scale, 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 in their communities to establish the proficiency levels of mastery students must demonstrate in various STEM competencies. 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 was signed into law by the Governor and took effect on May 18, 2017.

**State and Local Government Contacts**

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