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Fiscal Note

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Prime Sponsors:	Sen. Buckner; Donovan Rep. Mullica; Exum	Bill Status:	Senate Education
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Bill Topic: COMMUNITY COLLEGE NURSING BACHELOR DEGREE ELIGIBILITY

Summary of Fiscal Impact:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State Revenue	<input type="checkbox"/> TABOR Refund
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State Expenditure	<input type="checkbox"/> Local Government
<input type="checkbox"/> State Transfer	<input type="checkbox"/> Statutory Public Entity

The bill allows community colleges to offer a bachelor degree in nursing to students who have or who are pursuing a certificate in nursing. The bill minimally increases revenue and expenditures for some community colleges on an ongoing basis.

Appropriation Summary: No appropriation is required.

Fiscal Note Status: The fiscal note reflects the introduced bill.

Summary of Legislation

Under current law, community colleges may offer a bachelor of science degree in nursing as a completion degree to students who have or who are pursuing an associate degree in nursing. The bill allows community colleges to also offer the nursing degree to students who have or are pursuing a certificate in nursing.

State Revenue and Expenditures

The bill increases tuition revenue and expenditures by a minimal amount for any community college whose enrollment in nursing bachelor degrees increases as a result of the bill. State funding for institutions of higher education is partially allocated based on changes in enrollment and degrees awarded. To the extent the bill increases enrollment and degrees awarded, an institution's allocation of state funding may also increase. No change in appropriations for higher education is required.

Effective Date

The bill takes effect 90 days following adjournment of the General Assembly sine die, assuming no referendum petition is filed.

State and Local Government Contacts

Higher Education