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| 02/19/2015 | 339 | Comm report: No recommendation, re-referred to Higher Education and Workforce Development |
| 03/12/2015 | 704a | Comm report: To pass as amended and re-refer to State and Local Government |

1.1 A bill for an act
 1.2 relating to education; requiring a working group on concurrent enrollment courses.

1.3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.4 Section 1. **CONCURRENT ENROLLMENT WORKING GROUP.**

1.5 Subdivision 1. **Membership.** The commissioner of education shall convene a
 1.6 working group on concurrent enrollment. Members shall be named by the commissioner
 1.7 of education and include:

1.8 (1) the commissioner of education or the commissioner's designee;

1.9 (2) the commissioner of the Office of Higher Education or the commissioner's
 1.10 designee;

1.11 (3) one senator from the majority party and one senator from the minority party,
 1.12 appointed by the Subcommittee on Committees of the Committee on Rules and
 1.13 Administration;

1.14 (4) one member of the house of representatives appointed by the speaker of the
 1.15 house and one member appointed by the minority leader of the house of representatives;

1.16 (5) representatives of postsecondary institutions with concurrent enrollment
 1.17 programs including at least:

1.18 (i) one postsecondary faculty member from the University of Minnesota who has
 1.19 supervised a concurrent enrollment course;

1.20 (ii) one postsecondary faculty member from the Minnesota State Colleges and
 1.21 University system who has supervised a concurrent enrollment course;

1.22 (iii) one representative from the University of Minnesota;

1.23 (iv) one representative from the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities system;

- 2.1 (v) one representative from a private college with a concurrent enrollment program;
 2.2 and
 2.3 (vi) one postsecondary faculty member from a career and technical college who has
 2.4 supervised a concurrent enrollment program;
 2.5 (6) representatives of school districts with concurrent enrollment programs,
 2.6 including at least one high school administrator, one high school teacher, and one high
 2.7 school counselor;
 2.8 (7) one representative of the National Alliance of Concurrent Enrollment
 2.9 Partnerships;
 2.10 (8) at least one parent who has or had children participate in a concurrent enrollment
 2.11 course;
 2.12 (9) at least one student enrolled in a concurrent enrollment course for the 2015-2016
 2.13 school year; and
 2.14 (10) other stakeholders as determined by the commissioner.

2.15 The chair must be selected by the members at the first meeting.

2.16 Subd. 2. **Responsibilities.** (a) The working group shall review:

- 2.17 (1) differences between concurrent enrollment courses and the sponsoring public
 2.18 postsecondary institution's equivalent course in regard to:
 2.19 (i) course outline including scope, sequence of content, and methods to be employed;
 2.20 (ii) final exam;
 2.21 (iii) grading scale; and
 2.22 (iv) nature and frequency of exams;
 2.23 (2) each program's student eligibility requirements, including exceptions to the
 2.24 requirements and the number of waivers to the requirements given in the past year;
 2.25 (3) course prerequisites;
 2.26 (4) all postsecondary institutions, both in-state and out-of-state, that have accepted
 2.27 or denied transferring courses for college credit;
 2.28 (5) the frequency with which courses are offered;
 2.29 (6) the method of charging for delivery of concurrent instruction; and
 2.30 (7) the compensation and workload of faculty supervisors of concurrent enrollment.
 2.31 (b) The working group shall make recommendations, including legislative proposals
 2.32 for improving the consistency of concurrent enrollment programs in regards to the items
 2.33 in paragraph (a).
 2.34 (c) Any costs of the working group and preparing the report under subdivision 3 must
 2.35 be paid for out of the Department of Education and participating public postsecondary
 2.36 institutions' current operating budgets. Postsecondary institutions must make materials

3.1 available for the study as requested by the commissioners of education and the Office of
3.2 Higher Education. All intellectual property associated with materials made available for
3.3 the study are retained by the institution or professor.

3.4 Subd. 3. **Report.** The working group must submit a report to the commissioner
3.5 of education by January 15, 2016, with their findings and recommendations. The
3.6 commissioner must prepare and submit to the education policy and finance committees of
3.7 the legislature by February 15, 2016, a written report including the working group report
3.8 and summary data on concurrent enrollment courses under Minnesota Statutes, section
3.9 124D.09, subdivision 10, consistent with this section.