

Incarceration Education Act

HB 24 - SB 12

Fiscal Note

State Government Impact

Estimated Two-year Net Impact to General Revenue Related Funds for this bill, Conference Committee Report: an impact of \$0 through the biennium ending August 31, 2019. However, beginning in 2020-21 there would be an estimated negative impact of (\$26,077,952).

General Revenue-Related Funds, Five-Year Impact:

Fiscal Year / Probable Net Positive/(Negative)Impact to General Revenue Related Funds 2018 / \$0 2019 / \$0 2020 / (\$13,038,976) 2021 / (\$13,038,976) 2022 / (\$13,038,976)

All Funds, Five-Year Impact:

Fiscal Year / Probable (Cost) from General Revenue Fund 2018 / \$0 2019 / \$0 2020 / (\$13,038,976) 2021 / (\$13,038,976) 2022 / (\$13,038,976)

Local Government Impact

This analysis assumes that the increased contact hours available for funding under the provisions of the bill could result in an increase in formula funding. However, without knowing which programs would be offered under the expanded definition for potential students, these fiscal implications of the bill are unknown at this time.

Fiscal Analysis

The bill would amend the Education Code to allow contact hours attributable to the enrollment of a student in a workforce continuing education course to be included in formula funding. Currently, these hours are not included in formula funding.

This assumed cost to General Revenue would not be seen until at least fiscal year 2020, as formula funding is provided to institutions based on student data prior to the biennium to be funded. Under the provisions of the bill, contact hours earned by students in workforce continuing education courses would be eligible for formula funding regardless of whether tuition and fees were wholly or partially waived. The bill would also amend the Education Code to allow a public community college to waive all or part of the tuition and fees charged for a workforce continuing education course for certain students, if all or a portion of the costs are covered by local entities, or if the course is taught in a federal correctional facility. The contact hours earned by students whose tuition and fees are waived would be eligible



for formula funding.

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