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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY COUNCIL
ANALYSIS

BILL #: HB 1813
RELATING TO: Funding for Dually Enrolled Students
SPONSOR(S): Fiscal Responsibility Council and Representative Lynn

TIED BILL(S):

ORIGINATING COMMITTEE(S)/COUNCIL(S)/COMMITTEE(S) OF REFERENCE:

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I. SUMMARY:

This bill repeals paragraph (g) of s. 236.081 (1), F.S., relating to FTE funding for dually enrolled students. It removes authorization for school districts to report the time students spend attending community college and university courses as being eligible for full time equivalent (FTE) student funding for the school district. It also removes authorization for school districts to receive double FTE funding for students who are dually enrolled in a high school and in a vocational technical center.

This change does not eliminate dual enrollment instruction programs. Section 240.1161, F.S., requires school districts and community colleges to jointly develop and implement a comprehensive articulated acceleration program for students in their respective districts and college service areas. Section 240.116, F.S., provides that "School districts may not refuse to enter into an agreement with a local community college if the community college has the capacity to offer dual enrollment courses." It also provides that "the agreement shall not arbitrarily prohibit students who have demonstrated the ability to master advanced courses from participation in dual enrollment courses."

This change reflects a \$17,687,725 budget reduction contained within PCB FRC 01-01.

II. SUBSTANTIVE ANALYSIS:

A. DOES THE BILL SUPPORT THE FOLLOWING PRINCIPLES:

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| 1. <u>Less Government</u> | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> | N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. <u>Lower Taxes</u> | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> | N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 3. <u>Individual Freedom</u> | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> | N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 4. <u>Personal Responsibility</u> | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> | N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 5. <u>Family Empowerment</u> | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> | N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

For any principle that received a "no" above, please explain:

B. PRESENT SITUATION:

Section 240.1161, Florida Statutes, requires each school district and community college to jointly develop and implement a comprehensive articulated acceleration program for students enrolled in the school district. The program must include at least the following:

1. Identification of the courses and programs available for students to participate in dual enrollment.
2. The process by which students and their parents are informed about opportunities to participate in articulated acceleration programs.
3. The process by which students and their parents exercise their options to participate in an articulated acceleration program.
4. Identification of high school credits earned for completion of each dual enrollment course.
5. Provision for postsecondary courses to be counted toward meeting high school graduation requirements.
6. Identification of the process for converting college credit hours earned through dual enrollment and early admission programs to high school credit.

Students enrolled in community college or university dual enrollment instruction are counted as credit hour registration by the community colleges and universities. Paragraph (g) of s. 236.081 (1), F.S., allows school districts to also count these students for FTE funding. School districts are authorized double FTE funding for students who are dually enrolled in a high school and in an area vocational center. Funding for dual enrollment FTE required an appropriation of approximately \$17.7 million in the 2000-2001 General Appropriations Act.

C. EFFECT OF PROPOSED CHANGES:

The bill removes authorization for FTE funding to school districts for the time students spend in community college and university dual enrollment instruction and double FTE funding for students dually enrolled in a high school and in an area vocational technical center. Funding of dual enrollment instruction programs will continue to be determined locally through articulation agreements.

D. SECTION-BY-SECTION ANALYSIS:

Section 1 amends s. 236.081, F.S., to repeal paragraph (g) relating to funding students in college level dual enrollment instruction.

Section 2 amends s. 236.083, F.S., to delete cross reference to the repealed paragraph.

Section 3 amends s. 240.1161, F.S., to delete cross reference to the repealed paragraph.

Section 4 provides an effective date of July 1, 2001.

III. FISCAL ANALYSIS & ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT:

A. FISCAL IMPACT ON STATE GOVERNMENT:

1. Revenues:

None

2. Expenditures:

This change will eliminate the requirement for the state to provide general revenue funds to school districts for dually enrolled students when the students are provided instruction by an entity other than a school district, and when students are dually enrolled in a high school and a vocational technical center. The projected cost savings to the state from this change based on FY 2000/01 dually enrolled students is approximately \$17.7 million.

B. FISCAL IMPACT ON LOCAL GOVERNMENTS:

1. Revenues:

This change will eliminate revenues which school districts receive from the state for dually enrolled students when instruction is provided to students by an entity other than the school district, and when students are dually enrolled in a high school and a vocational technical center. During FY 2000/01, school districts received approximately \$17.7 million from the state for dual enrollment FTE.

2. Expenditures:

None

C. DIRECT ECONOMIC IMPACT ON PRIVATE SECTOR:

N/A

D. FISCAL COMMENTS:

N/A

IV. CONSEQUENCES OF ARTICLE VII, SECTION 18 OF THE FLORIDA CONSTITUTION:

A. APPLICABILITY OF THE MANDATES PROVISION:

This bill does not require municipalities or counties to spend money.

B. REDUCTION OF REVENUE RAISING AUTHORITY:

This bill does not reduce the authority of municipalities or counties to raise revenue.

C. REDUCTION OF STATE TAX SHARED WITH COUNTIES AND MUNICIPALITIES:

This bill does not reduce the percentage of a state tax shared with municipalities or counties.

V. COMMENTS:

A. CONSTITUTIONAL ISSUES:

None

B. RULE-MAKING AUTHORITY:

None

C. OTHER COMMENTS:

None

VI. AMENDMENTS OR COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE CHANGES:

The Fiscal Responsibility Council considered this bill on March 20, 2001 and reported it favorably with one clarifying amendment to incorporate provisions cross referenced in subsection (10) of s. 239.115, F.S.

VII .SIGNATURES:

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