



HOUSE BILL 396: CC Innovative Pilot Program

**This Bill Analysis
reflects the contents
of the bill as it was
presented in
committee.**

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SUMMARY: House Bill 396 would direct the State Board of Community Colleges to establish the Community College Innovative Pilot Program in order to create new and innovative workforce development programs in development tier 1 and tier 2 counties.

The Proposed Committee Substitute (PCS) would remove the appropriation for the Program.

BILL ANALYSIS: The PCS for House Bill 396 would direct the State Board of Community Colleges (State Board) to create the Community College Innovative Pilot Program (Pilot Program) for certain community colleges to establish new and innovative workforce development programs in development tier 1 and 2 counties.

The purpose of the Pilot Program would be to expand options available to community colleges in establishing new programs targeting the workforce development needs of economically distressed areas of the State by:

- Providing initial funding for planning and start-up operational costs for new programs; and
- Allowing community colleges to build student enrollment to create tuition-supported programs and increase employment opportunities for students.

The Pilot Program would be a 3 year pilot beginning in the 2016-2017 academic year until the 2018-2019.

The State Board, in collaboration with the Department of Commerce would develop criteria for the approval of an application submitted by a community college serving a development tier 1 or 2 county to participate in the Program. The State Board shall select applicants for the Pilot Program that represent the geographic diversity of the State's resident population as allowed by the pool of applicants.

By September 1, 2019, The State Board must report the Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee on the Pilot Program on the following information:

- Use of funds by the participating community colleges including start-up costs for the new programs; costs associated with student instruction; and financial assistance for students.
- Evaluation of the success of the various programs including student enrollment; student outcomes such as job placement and completion of certifications, diplomas, and degrees; and number and type of programs that were fully supported by student tuition by the completion of the Pilot Program.
- Recommendations on the expansion of the Pilot Program and potential modifications to the State funding method for community colleges related to providing funds for new programs.

EFFECTIVE DATE: The bill would become effective when it becomes law.

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