

HOUSE BILL 97:

2015 Appropriations Act, Sec. 10.6: Community Colleges Program Compliance Review Function

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SUMMARY: Sec. 10.6 of S.L. 2015-241 restores and modifies requirements related to accountability reviews for community colleges. The State Board of Community Colleges (SBCC) must maintain an accountability function that conducts periodic compliance reviews of each community college. The reviews must be used to ensure that data used to allocate State funding among community colleges is accurately reported, and that community colleges are charging and waiving tuition and registration fees consistent with law. Statistically valid samples must be used for reviews. Findings determined material must be forwarded to the college president, local college board of trustees, SBCC, and the State Auditor. The SBCC must adopt rules as to the frequency, scope, and standard of materiality for compliance reviews.

This section became effective July 1, 2015, and the requirements for compliance reviews apply beginning with the 2015-2016 academic year.

