

**HB 2365 - DIGEST**

(SUBSTITUTED FOR - SEE 1ST SUB)

Requires the professional educator standards board to convene a work group to design program-specific minimum employment standards for paraeducators, professional development and education opportunities that support the standards, a paraeducator career ladder, an articulated pathway for teacher preparation and certification, and teacher professional development on how to maximize the use of paraeducators in the classroom.

Authorizes the professional educator standards board and the state board for community and technical colleges to exercise their respective authorities regarding program approval to implement the articulated pathway for teacher preparation and certification in approved teacher certification programs and certificate and degree programs offered by community and technical colleges.

Requires community or technical colleges that offer an apprenticeship program or certificate program for paraeducators to provide candidates the opportunity to earn transferrable course credits within the program.

Makes an appropriation.