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Brief Description: Focusing public investment in higher education on priority academic disciplines.

**HB 1422 - DIGEST**

Declares that it is the policy of the state that a greater focus of the public investment in higher education be to support educational and degree programs in priority academic disciplines. Priority academic disciplines are those that prepare individuals for occupations necessary for the state's overall economic and social well-being over the medium and long term.

Declares that, beginning with the 2003-2005 biennium, it is the intent to begin implementation of this policy at the four-year institutions of higher education through the state funds appropriated to each college and university.

Intends to create an ongoing process for reprioritization of the public investment in higher education.