HB 2485-S - DIGEST

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Declares an intent to make college placement tests widely available in high schools and encourage high school students, their parents, and their teachers to use the tests as a tool for planning and preparing for their future.

Directs the superintendent of public instruction to reimburse school districts, from funds appropriated for this purpose, for college placement tests that districts annually offer to students in tenth or eleventh grade. Districts shall encourage but may not require students to take the test. A district intending to offer a college placement test under this act shall consult with a local community or technical college or other public institution of higher education in the region before selecting a test.

Provides that the college placement tests shall serve to assist students, parents, and teachers in the planning and selection of appropriate high school courses and to gauge student readiness for postsecondary study, including dual enrollment programs. Results of the tests and relevant student, school, and district characteristics shall be compiled by the superintendent of public instruction to permit research and analysis, including analysis using the unique student identifier, and shall be made available to the parents of those students tested. Aggregate results shall be made available to the public and the legislature.