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## Postsecondary Education & Workforce Committee

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### HB 1492

**Brief Description:** Providing early registration for students with dependents.

**Sponsors:** Representatives Salahuddin, Davis, Reed, Ramel, Ortiz-Self, Nance, Cortes, Fosse, Ryu, Scott, Pollet and Simmons.

#### Brief Summary of Bill

- Requires institutions of higher education that provide early course registration to allow students who have dependents early course registration.

**Hearing Date:** 1/29/25

**Staff:** Saranda Ross (786-7068).

#### Background:

Early course registration allows students to register for classes prior to the standard open registration date. At public institutions of higher education, student course registration order is usually based on the number of credits a student has been awarded by the attending institution, sometimes referred to as "class standing." Priority registration varies depending on each institution's policy, and some institutions do not offer priority registration.

#### Summary of Bill:

Beginning in the 2025-26 academic year, public institutions of higher education that offer an early course registration period for any segment of the student population must have a process in place to offer early course registration for students who have dependents as follows:

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- new students who have completed all of their admission processes; and
- continuing and returning former students who have met current enrollment requirements must be offered early course registration among continuing students with the same level of class standing or credit as determined by the attending institution and according to institutional policies.

A dependent includes children 18 years of age or younger under the registering student's care and persons who, because of physical or mental disability or because of extreme advanced age, are dependent upon the registering student to provide the basic necessities of life.

**Appropriation:** None.

**Fiscal Note:** Requested on January 26, 2025.

**Effective Date:** The bill takes effect 90 days after adjournment of the session in which the bill is passed.