

SENATE BILL REPORT

HB 1556

As Reported by Senate Committee On:
Higher Education & Workforce Development, March 13, 2025

Title: An act relating to tuition waivers for high school completers at community and technical colleges.

Brief Description: Expanding tuition waivers for high school completers at community and technical colleges.

Sponsors: Representatives Entenman, Davis, Leavitt, Ortiz-Self, Reed, Kloba, Pollet, Hill and Simmons; by request of State Board for Community and Technical Colleges.

Brief History: Passed House: 3/5/25, 97-0.

Committee Activity: Higher Education & Workforce Development: 3/13/25 [DP].

Brief Summary of Bill

- Eliminates the requirement that a student be 19 years of age or older to be eligible for a High School Completion Program tuition and fee waiver.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER EDUCATION & WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

Majority Report: Do pass.

Signed by Senators Nobles, Chair; Hansen, Vice Chair; Warnick, Ranking Member; Boehnke and Slatter.

Staff: Kellee Gunn (786-7429)

Background: Waiver for High School Completion Programs at Community and Technical Colleges. Community and technical colleges (CTCs) may waive all or a portion of tuition, and services and activities fees for resident students 19 years of age or older who are

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enrolled in a High School Completion Program.

CTCs may also waive all or a portion of the difference between resident tuition and non-resident tuition for non-resident students enrolled in a High School Completion Program.

The waiver is only for courses which lead to a high school diploma or certificate.

Summary of Bill: The requirement that a student in a High School Completion Program be 19 years of age or older to qualify for a tuition and fee waiver is eliminated.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Available.

Creates Committee/Commission/Task Force that includes Legislative members: No.

Effective Date: Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.

Staff Summary of Public Testimony: No public hearing was held.

Persons Testifying: N/A

Persons Signed In To Testify But Not Testifying: N/A