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Senate Bill 980 (as reported without amendment)
Sponsor: Senator Joe Hune
Committee: Education

CONTENT

The bill would amend the Postsecondary Enrollment Options Act to delete the limits on the number of postsecondary courses in which a qualified high school pupil may enroll.

Under the Act, an eligible student who is enrolled in a school district may enroll in an eligible course for high school credit or postsecondary credit, or both, and receive payment by the school district of all or part of eligible charges for the course.

For each individual eligible student, unless there is a written agreement between the eligible student's school district and the eligible postsecondary institution to waive these limits, a course is not an eligible course if the eligible student's enrollment in the course and the payment of eligible charges under the Act for the course would exceed the certain limits on the number of credits an eligible student may enroll in for each grade and the number of credits an eligible student may enroll in overall.

The bill would remove these limits.

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FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would have no fiscal impact on the Department of Education and an indeterminate impact on postsecondary institutions, school districts, public school academies, nonpublic schools, and the Department of Treasury. By removing the cap on the number of dual enrollment courses a student may take, the bill could result in postsecondary institutions, school districts, and public school academies having more students enrolled in dual enrollment courses, which would have an impact on those local units. Local school districts and public schools would spend more toward postsecondary institutions for the additional students taking dual enrollment courses, while postsecondary institutions would receive additional revenue. This impact is indeterminate since the change would vary throughout the State and depend on the increase in students taking dual enrollment courses.

For nonpublic school students, the Department of Treasury reimburses nonpublic schools for the costs of dual enrollment. If there were a significant increase in the number of nonpublic school students taking dual enrollment courses, then the reimbursement amount would increase. In FY 2017-18, \$2,007,600 was appropriated to the Department of Treasury for dual enrollment reimbursement.

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