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**TO:** Honorable Joe Straus, Speaker of the House, House of Representatives

**FROM:** John S O'Brien, Director, Legislative Budget Board

**IN RE: HB2784** by Alonzo (Relating to the refund policy for courses and programs at career schools and colleges.), **As Passed 2nd House**

<b>No fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.</b>
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The bill would define the refund policy criteria for students at career schools and colleges.

The bill would stipulate a career school or college may retain not more than \$100 of administrative fees, and would require the minimum refund of the remaining tuition and fees that had been charged to the student to be based on the pro rata portion of tuition, fees, and other charges that the number of hours of course time remaining in the student's program, except where the student has completed more than 75 percent of the program for which the student has been charged, in which case the student may not collect a refund.

The bill would require a grade of "incomplete" be recorded for a student who withdraws during the portion of a course or program for which the student is not eligible to collect a refund. The bill would allow a student with an incomplete to re-enroll in the course or program during the 12-month period following the date the student withdraws and complete those incomplete subjects without payment of additional tuition.

**Local Government Impact**

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

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