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TO: Honorable Mike Jackson, Chair, Senate Committee on Economic Development

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.), **Committee Report 2nd House, Substituted**

No fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

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 last quarter of a course or program. The bill would allow a student with an incomplete to re-enroll in the course or program and pay the amount of tuition originally refunded to the student.

Local Government Impact

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

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