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TO: Honorable John Zerwas, Chair, House Committee on Higher Education

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: SB1189 by Seliger (Relating to the establishment of a multidisciplinary studies associate degree program at each public junior college.), **Committee Report 2nd House, Substituted**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would require the establishment of a multidisciplinary studies associate degree program at each public junior college. The bill would require the Higher Education Coordinating Board to adopt rules as necessary for the administration of the provisions of the program. Based on information provided by the Higher Education Coordinating Board, duties and responsibilities associated with implementing the provisions of the bill could be accomplished utilizing existing resources.

Local Government Impact

The bill would require the governing board of each public junior college district to establish a multidisciplinary studies associate degree program at each junior college in the district. The bill would require a student to meet with an academic advisor before the beginning of the regular semester or term immediately following the semester or term in which a student successfully completes 30 or more semester credit hours for coursework in a multidisciplinary studies associate degree program.

Based on information provided by a sample of public junior colleges, any additional costs associated with implementing the provisions of the bill could be absorbed within the institutions' resources.

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