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House Bill 5534 (Substitute S-1 as reported)  
Sponsor: Representative Lauren Hager  
House Committee: Education  
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## **CONTENT**

The bill would create the "Career and Technical Preparation Act" to do the following:

- Allow an eligible student to enroll in, and receive payment by his or her school district of all or part of eligible charges for, an eligible course offered by a career and technical preparation program at a postsecondary educational institution.
- Provide that an eligible student would be responsible for charges not paid by the school district, and for repayment of charges paid by the district if he or she did not complete a course.
- Allow an eligible student to receive high school credit or postsecondary credit, or both, for an eligible course.
- Require school districts to provide information to all high school students on the career and technical preparation enrollment options, and to provide counseling services to eligible students and their parents.
- Require intermediate school districts to collect certain information and report it to the Department of Education, and impose reporting requirements on the Department of Career Development.

The proposed Act would take effect April 1, 2001, and would be repealed June 30, 2006. The bill also would repeal Section 13 of the Postsecondary Enrollment Options Act, which provides for that Act to sunset on June 30, 2001.

Legislative Analyst: S. Lowe

## **FISCAL IMPACT**

The bill would have a fiscal impact on local school districts participating in the proposed career and technical preparation program. A district would be required to pay for the portion of the eligible student's tuition for the program equal to the lesser of the amount of the charges, or the prorated percentage of the State portion of the foundation allowance paid on behalf of that student. The exact fiscal impact for a local school district is indeterminate and depends on the number of students from that district who would participate in the program. As a comparison, 6,500 students participated in the current dual enrollment program offered by local school districts, according to FY 1998-99 figures. The estimated total State cost for those students in those programs was just over \$3,000,000. These costs are the amounts paid by local school districts from their foundation allowance revenues for those pupils.

In addition, the Departments of Career Development and Education would have to collect and report data submitted by school districts, as required in the bill. The existing funding should be sufficient to cover any additional costs associated with this bill.

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