

HB 1247 -- A+ PROGRAM

SPONSOR: Wood

This bill revises the law regarding the A+ program by:

- (1) Updating references and deleting obsolete provisions;
- (2) Adding a requirement that the Department of Higher Education develop a procedure to reimburse the dual credit course costs incurred during high school by students who qualify for the A+ Program. The reimbursement, which cannot exceed five percent of the total amount appropriated for the program, will be credited to the student's account at the qualified institution in the amount of the dual credit tuition and fees paid during high school that will be applicable for book purchase or rental and other academic fees determined by rule. To qualify, the courses must be accepted for credit at the institution where the student is using the A+ program. Any remaining credit will be returned to the state treasury; and
- (3) Revising the current reporting requirement applicable to the Commissioner of Education to include the Commissioner of Higher Education and to specify effectiveness of improving high school outcomes and providing access to and completion of postsecondary programs.