

HB 1487 -- REMEDIAL COURSE REIMBURSEMENT

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Beginning with the 2015-16 academic year, a person who enrolls in a public higher education institution after graduating from a Missouri public high school may apply for reimbursement of tuition for remedial courses, as defined in the bill. The Department of Elementary and Secondary Education must establish a procedure by which a student may apply for reimbursement twice a year. Reimbursement will be proportional to the graduating high school's three-year average percentage of students enrolled in remedial courses.

The Joint Committee on Education must review data on remediation rates after the 2018-19 academic year to determine the effects of the reimbursement program on remediation rates, the correlation between end-of-course assessments and the need for remediation, the effect of competency alignment, the extent to which information about remediation rates is used to improve high school instruction, and other relevant matters. The joint committee must make any recommendations it believes are necessary to the General Assembly.

Reimbursements will be funded by withholdings from the district's classroom trust fund payment.