



Senate

General Assembly

File No. 460

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Substitute Senate Bill No. 286

Senate, April 17, 2012

The Committee on Government Administration and Elections reported through SEN. SLOSSBERG of the 14th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT EXEMPTING INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION THAT OFFER FREE COURSES TO INMATES FROM STATE CONTRACTING REQUIREMENTS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2012*) An institution of higher
2 education that enters into an agreement with the Department of
3 Correction for an employee or agent of such institution to teach one or
4 more for-credit courses to inmates of a correctional facility at no charge
5 to said department or to the participating inmates shall not be
6 considered a state contractor for the purposes of such agreement.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>October 1, 2012</i>	New section
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OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill results in no fiscal impact as it only makes procedural changes for higher education institutions that enter into an agreement with the Department of Correction in providing instruction.

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State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

OLR Bill Analysis**sSB 286*****AN ACT EXEMPTING INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION THAT OFFER FREE COURSES TO INMATES FROM STATE CONTRACTING REQUIREMENTS.*****SUMMARY:**

This bill specifies that a higher education institution that enters into an agreement with the Department of Correction (DOC) for the institution's employees or agents to teach for-credit courses to inmates at no charge to DOC or the inmates is not considered a state contractor for the purposes of the agreement.

This means that for such an agreement, the institution does not have to, among other things, (1) file a representation and documentation that it complies with state anti-discrimination laws; (2) comply with affirmative action requirements; (3) permit the Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities (CHRO) access to pertinent books, records, and accounts concerning its employment practices and procedures; or (4) file compliance and employment reports with CHRO.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2012

COMMITTEE ACTION

Government Administration and Elections Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 15 Nay 0 (03/29/2012)