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HB-7253

AN ACT CONCERNING DISTANCE LEARNING PROGRAMS
OPERATED BY INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION OUTSIDE
OF THE STATE.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 20 \$	FY 21 \$
Higher Ed., Off.	GF - Revenue Gain	Potential Minimal	Potential Minimal

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill, which could result in a potential revenue gain, requires out-of-state higher education institutions that do not participate in the State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement (SARA) to apply for authorization from the Office of Higher Education (OHE) to operate a distance learning program in the state. The revenue gain would be dependent on the number of institutions applying for authorization and the fee for authorization, which will be set by OHE. The revenue gain is anticipated to be minimal as it is estimated that there are less than 50 higher education institutions nation-wide not participating in SARA that would be required to seek authorization from OHE.

The Out Years

The annualized ongoing revenue gain identified above would continue into the future subject to the number of higher education institutions seeking authorization and the fees established by OHE.

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