

_____ moved to amend as follows:

1 In line 85394, delete "\$15,078,032 \$16,490,951" and
2 insert "\$15,153,032 \$16,565,951"

3 In line 85423, add \$75,000 to each fiscal year

4 In line 85477, add \$75,000 to each fiscal year

5 After line 85479, insert:

6 "Of the foregoing appropriation item 200321, Operating
7 Expenses, up to \$75,000 in each fiscal year shall be distributed
8 by the Department of Education to eligible districts pursuant to
9 the section of this act entitled "FAFSA COMPLETION PROGRAM."

10 After line 96300, insert:

11 **"Section 733.20.** FAFSA COMPLETION PROGRAM

12 (A) As used in this section, "eligible district" means any
13 educational service center or city, exempted village, local, or
14 joint vocational school district.

15 (B) The Department of Education shall establish a program
16 to award grants to eligible districts for the purposes of
17 organizing activities to encourage and assist students in grade
18 twelve with completing the Free Application for Federal Student
19 Aid. The program shall operate in fiscal years 2020 and 2021.

20 (C) In each fiscal year in which the program operates, the
21 Department shall solicit, review, and approve proposals from
22 eligible districts. The Department shall award a grant to each
23 eligible district with an approved proposal, except that, if the
24 funds appropriated by the General Assembly for the program are
25 insufficient, the Department shall prioritize awarding grants to
26 lower wealth eligible districts. Each award shall be up to five
27 thousand dollars and each eligible district with an approved
28 proposal shall receive one award per fiscal year.

29 (D) The Department shall adopt guidelines and procedures
30 for the program, including all of the following:

31 (1) A process in which the Department shall solicit,
32 review, and approve proposals submitted by eligible districts,
33 as well as a timeline for that process;

34 (2) Criteria for approving a proposal submitted by an
35 eligible district, including both of the following:

36 (a) A requirement that the eligible district work with a
37 public or private community partner;

38 (b) A requirement that the proposal include at least one
39 activity such as a training session, a fair, or another event
40 that actively engages students.

41 (3) A metric to gauge the wealth of eligible districts."

42 The motion was _____ agreed to.

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Program to encourage completion of FAFSA

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Sections 265.10, 265.20, and 733.20

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Restores the House provisions that do all of the following:

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Requires the Department of Education to establish a program for FY 2020 and FY 2021 that awards grants to educational service centers or city, exempted village, local, or joint vocational school districts for the purposes of organizing activities to encourage and assist high school seniors with completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid.

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Specifies that if funds appropriated for the program are insufficient, the Department must prioritize awarding grants to lower wealth districts.

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Stipulates that the Department must adopt guidelines and procedures for the program, including regarding a process and timeline for soliciting, reviewing, and approving proposals, a metric to gauge district wealth, and criteria for approving proposals, including requirements that districts work with a public or private community partner and that the proposal include at least one activity such as a training session or a fair.

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Increases GRF appropriation item 200321, Operating Expenses, by \$75,000 in each fiscal year and earmarks those same amounts in each fiscal year to be distributed by the Department of Education to eligible districts under the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) Completion Program.