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Bill Summary

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Overview

This bill removes an appropriations rider from last year's appropriation for program assistance to the Advanced Placement (AP) and International Baccalaureate (IB) programs. The AP and IB programs are specialized curriculum and courses that are sold nationwide and have a reputation as being academically challenging. After completing these courses, students take tests for which fees are charged. The state appropriation has been in place for a number of years to help train and support teachers that are using the curriculum and to subsidize students' examination fees. The 2003 appropriations rider required that \$375,000 of the \$778,000 annual appropriation be used for teacher training activities.

Recent information from the department of education suggests that federal funds might be available for AP/IB teacher training activities.

Section

- 1 Examination fees; AP/IB.** Removes the appropriations rider that set aside \$375,000 of the \$778,000 appropriation for direct state support of advanced placement and international baccalaureate programs.