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Bill Summary

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Overview

This bill authorizes the director of the Higher Education Services Office (HESO) to make grants to public and private postsecondary institutions that have received federal grants for college outreach. The grants must be used for activities that are the same as in two federal outreach programs - Upward Bound and Talent Search Trio.

The HESO director is authorized to establish a process for awarding grants for a maximum of two years, with a goal of statewide distribution. Reports are required of successful grantees.

\$5 million each year is appropriated to HESO for these grants and is added to the base budget.

Upward Bound programs provide year-round academic services to high school students who are from low income families or first generation college families.

Talent Search programs provide advising and planning services for qualified individuals, starting at age 11, to encourage them to complete high school and enroll in postsecondary education.