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Overview

The Postsecondary Enrollment Options (PSEO) program allows public and nonpublic pupils in grades 11 and 12 to enroll in college courses offered by an eligible postsecondary institution (PSI) at state expense. For fiscal year 2004, approximately 7,470 public school pupils, 436 traditional nonpublic pupils, and 913 homeschool pupils attended PSEO classes at a PSI, and the state aid payment to the PSIs through the PSEO funding formula amounted to roughly \$19 million.

For public school pupils who participate in the PSEO program, school districts receive 12 percent of the weighted formula allowance and the remaining formula amount, limited to not more than the amount of the PSI's tuition, is paid to the PSI. The PSI may not charge a fee to the PSEO student to enroll in classes and is required to loan the necessary textbooks and equipment to the PSEO student at no charge to the student.

This bill prohibits the department from paying a PSI for a course if that course is not completed by the student and allows the PSI to bill the student for the cost of that course. The bill also allows a PSI to bill a student for any unreturned textbooks or equipment.

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- 1 **Financial arrangements.** Prohibits the department from paying a postsecondary institution (PSI) for a PSEO course if that course is not completed by the student and allows the PSI to bill the student for the cost of that course.
- 2 **Textbooks; materials.** Allows a postsecondary institution to bill a student for any textbooks or equipment purchased by the PSI that are not promptly returned to postsecondary institution.