

RESOLUTION ON HIGHER EDUCATION

REMEDIAL CLASSES

2004 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Sponsor: Marda Dillree

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This concurrent resolution of the Legislature and Governor requests a review of and report on higher education remedial programs.

Highlighted Provisions:

This resolution:

- ▶ requests the commissioner of higher education to review and evaluate all remedial programs and prepare an updated cost of these services;
- ▶ requests the Utah System of Higher Education, in collaboration with the State Board of Education, to better articulate the K-12 requirements of higher education institutions;
- ▶ requests the Utah System of Higher Education to identify and implement more cost-efficient remedial programs; and
- ▶ requests the commissioner of higher education to submit a report to the Education Interim Committee.

Special Clauses:

None

Be it resolved by the Legislature of the state of Utah, the Governor concurring therein:

WHEREAS, there are significant numbers of students who desire to attend college but who do not qualify academically for regular admission;

WHEREAS, these students require remedial courses or other forms of remediation services to be successful in a higher education program;

WHEREAS, these remediation programs may duplicate state funded programs and services offered in the K-12 public education system and in other education programs such as community education and adult education; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature and the Utah System of Higher Education desire to help students succeed in higher education with as efficient a system of remedial programs as possible:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the State of Utah, the Governor concurring therein, urges and requests the commissioner of higher education to review and evaluate all remedial programs and services and prepare an updated cost of these services.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Utah System of Higher Education is requested to prepare plans, in collaboration with the Board of Education, to better articulate the K-12 graduate, entrance, and completion requirements of higher education institutions.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Utah System of Higher Education is requested to identify and implement new methods of providing remedial programs that are cost efficient and in some instances completely self-sustaining based on student fees and tuition, thereby reducing costs over time to both students and the state wherever possible and redirecting savings to other institutional priorities.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Utah System of Higher Education is requested to determine the remediation options and the respective costs for students to prepare those students for success in a higher education program of their choosing, with such options provided to them at the time of their initial assessment and evaluation prior to formal admission to a higher education institution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the commissioner of higher education is requested to submit a report on the progress or completion of the tasks outlined in this resolution to the Education Interim Committee prior to November 1, 2004.