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Mr. President,

The Education Committee reports a favorable recommendation on **H.B. 265**, HIGHER EDUCATION STRATEGIC REINVESTMENT, by Representative K. M. Peterson, with the following amendments:

1. *Line 216 through 218a:*

216 (1) As used in this section:

217 ~~{(2)}~~ (a) "Institution of higher education" means an institution described in Section  
217a 53B-1-102.

218 ~~{(a)}~~ (b) "Program of instruction" means a program of curriculum that leads to the  
218a completion

2. *Line 219 through 221:*

219 of a degree, diploma, certificate, or other credential.

220 ~~{(b)}~~ (2) ~~{(c)}~~ (a) Under procedures and policies approved by the board and developed in  
221 consultation with each institution of higher education, each institution of higher

3. *Line 250 through 255:*

250 (ii) The board may authorize a degree-granting institution to exceed the credit-hour

251 limit described in Subsection (5)(a)(i) ~~{by six additional credit hours to no more}~~

252 ~~{than 126 credit hours if the institution demonstrates to the board that a}~~

253 ~~{professional licensing or accrediting body requires additional coursework or credit}~~

254 ~~{hours in excess of the limit described in Subsection (5)(a)(i):}~~ if the degree:

(A) is required for professional licensure; or

(B) has a nationally recognized accreditation standard that mandates a higher credit-hour minimum, including circumstances where additional coursework is necessary to protect public health, safety, and welfare.

255 (b) The board shall develop a process to grant conditional approval of accelerated

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Respectfully,

John D. Johnson  
Chair

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