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**H 81. INCREASE COMMUNITY COLLEGE FACULTY SALARIES.** Filed 2/6/07. *TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO INCREASE THE SALARIES OF FULL-TIME COMMUNITY COLLEGE FACULTY AND PROFESSIONAL STAFF.* Appropriates from the General Fund to the Community Colleges System Office \$25,765,603 for 2007-08 and \$51,531,207 for 2008-09 to increase the salaries of full-time community college faculty and \$19,017,672 for 2007-08 and \$38,035,344 for 2008-09 to increase the salaries of community college professional staff. Sets minimum salaries for full-time community college faculty and the education level the salaries are based on. As a reward for community colleges that increase faculty salaries, authorizes a community college to transfer up to a specified percentage of state funds allocated to it for faculty salaries. The percentage is phased up based on how close the community college's average faculty salary is to the national average. Directs the State Board of Community Colleges to adopt rules to ensure that funds are used only to increase faculty and professional staff salaries. Directs the State Board of Community Colleges to report back to several legislative offices on implementation by December 1 of each year from 2007 through 2009. Effective July 1, 2007.

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