

April 8, 2009

H 1244. STATE COMM. COLL. BD. TO STUDY TRIMESTERS. Filed 4/8/09. *TO DIRECT THE STATE BOARD OF COMMUNITY COLLEGES TO STUDY THE COMMUNITY COLLEGES AND TO DESIGN A PILOT PROGRAM TO BE IMPLEMENTED AT SELECTED COMMUNITY COLLEGES TO HELP DETERMINE WHETHER SUCH A CONVERSION WOULD BE BENEFICIAL.*

As title indicates. Provides that the goal of the study is to evaluate whether switching to a trimester system would enable a college to use its campus facilities more fully during the summer while maintaining academic and programmatic integrity of the institution. Sets forth factors to be considered by the State Board of Community Colleges (Board). Requires four campuses identified in the study as having different types of campuses to participate in the pilot program designed by the Board. Prohibits implementation of the pilot program until the Board reports to the Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee, by October 1, 2009, and funds are appropriated to implement the program.

Appropriates \$25,000 for 2009-10 from the General Fund to the Community Colleges System Office to conduct the study. Prohibits those funds from being used to implement the pilot program.

Effective July 1, 2009.

Intro. by Haire.

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