



Ohio Legislative Service Commission

Bill Analysis

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H.B. 399

131st General Assembly
(As Introduced)

Reps. Koehler, Becker, Young, Maag, Rezabek, Roegner, Conditt, Thompson, Zeltwanger

BILL SUMMARY

- Increases, from \$500,000 to \$1,500,000, the amount earmarked for each of fiscal years 2016 and 2017 for payments on behalf of home-instructed students under the College Credit Plus program.

CONTENT AND OPERATION

College Credit Plus program

The College Credit Plus (CCP) program allows high school students who are enrolled in public or nonpublic high schools or who are home-instructed to enroll in nonsectarian college courses to receive high school and college credit. College courses under CCP may be taken at any public or private college, as well as any eligible out-of-state college.¹ Payments by the Department of Education for both nonpublic students and home-schooled students are made from an appropriation of the General Assembly in order to pay for such students to participate in the program.² Because the number of applications for the CCP program often exceeds the amount of funding appropriated, the Department allocates funding to students based on their grade level, with all twelfth-grade students receiving top priority.³

¹ R.C. Chapter 3365., none in the bill.

² R.C. 3365.07.

³ Ohio Administrative Code 3333-1-65.8(G).

The bill increases, from \$500,000 to \$1,500,000, the amount that is earmarked for each of fiscal years 2016 and 2017 for CCP payments on behalf of home-instructed students.⁴

Background on College Credit Plus

The College Credit Plus program allows students who are enrolled in public or participating nonpublic high schools or who are home-schooled to enroll in nonsectarian college courses to receive high school and college credit. The program began operation with the 2015-2016 school year and replaced the similar Post-Secondary Enrollment Options (PSEO) program. For a detailed description of the CCP program currently in effect, see the LSC Final Analysis for H.B. 487, online at the Ohio General Assembly Archives.⁵ Minor changes were enacted in H.B. 64 of the 131st General Assembly. For a description of these changes, see the LSC Final Analysis for H.B. 64, online at the General Assembly website.⁶

HISTORY

ACTION	DATE
Introduced	11-19-15

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⁴ Section 263.220 of H.B. 64 of the 131st General Assembly, amended by Sections 1 and 2 of the bill.

⁵ <http://archives.legislature.state.oh.us/>.

⁶ <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-documents?id=GA131-HB-64>.

