



FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 373

Committee: Education Policy

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House Bill 373 as reported by the Committee on Education Policy would increase the administrative obligations of the State Department of Education to: (1) conduct a comprehensive review of the state's graduation requirements and coordinate their review with stakeholder within the state; (2) before November 1, 2024, propose a comprehensive set of graduation requirements that include multiple pathways for a high school diploma; and (3) collect information and publish a report annually on the pathways a student may use to earn a high school diploma.

Further, this bill provides that any increased obligations may be offset in whole or in part by additional funding by the Legislature to construct, retrofit, or upgrade career and technical education centers in the state.

Finally, this bill would provide that the Legislature may provide funding for the existing Alabama Short-Term Credential Program. The Governor's Recommended Fiscal Year 2025 appropriation includes \$1 million for this program under the Alabama Community College System.