

TOPIC: 2011 LEGISLATIVE REPORT ON REMEDIAL EDUCATION

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I. SUMMARY

The Colorado Department of Higher Education (DHE) is required to prepare an annual report on students taking basic skills courses at Colorado's public higher education institutions. DHE has collected data from the institutions on students assigned to remediation and prepared the attached report. The document is to be submitted to the Education Committees of the Senate and House of Representatives, the Joint Budget Committee, and the Colorado Department of Education and distributed to each Colorado public school district superintendent.

II. BACKGROUND

State law (CRS 23-1-113.3) mandates that the Commission, as part of its implementation of its remedial education policy, prepare a report to the General Assembly on assessment for and placement into remedial courses. According to state law, the report is to include the distribution of students assessed for remediation by school districts and costs associated with delivery of basic skills courses.

III. STAFF ANALYSIS

Report attached (to be released on Friday, February 3, 2012)

IV. STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

This report is an information item only; no formal action is required by the Commission.

STATUTORY AUTHORITY

C.R.S. §23-1-113 (4)(a)