

TOPIC: 2012 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 linked K12 data with postsecondary data and prepared the attached report. The 2012 remedial report has a change in methodology from previous years that creates a more comprehensive representation of remedial education in Colorado. 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

C.R.S. 23-1-113.3 mandates that the Commission, as part of its implementation of the Remedial Policy, report to the General Assembly on assessment and remediation for undergraduate students. The report is to include the distribution of remediated students by school districts and costs associated with delivery of basic skills courses.

III. STAFF ANALYSIS

Report attached.

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)

(4)(a) The department shall transmit annually to the education committees of the senate and the house of representatives, or any successor committees, the joint budget committee, the commission, and the department of education an analysis of data:

(I) Regarding student who take basic skills courses pursuant to section 23-1-113(1)(b)(I)(B); and
(II) Regarding the costs of providing basic skills courses pursuant to section 23-1-113(1)(b)(I)(B) and whether students who complete basic skills courses successfully complete the requirements for graduation.

(b) The department shall disseminate the analysis to each school district and to public high schools within each district.