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HB1122, An Act to authorize the participation of tenth grade students in the dual credit program.

The bill would extend the dual credit program to include tenth grade students who have been verified by their high school principals as being ready to participate. Currently the program is open to students in the eleventh and twelfth grades.

The per-credit-hour cost of dual credit is \$145. The participating student pays one-third of the cost, \$48.33, and the State pays the remaining two-thirds, \$96.67. The Department of Education's budget for dual credit is \$4.3 million, projecting 44,711 credit hours. The cost-per-credit is incurred regardless of whether the student passes. Therefore, this fiscal note is based on the number of credits enrolled rather than credits earned.

In FY 2024, there is likely to be a total of 11,785 tenth grade students in the K-12 system. In FY 2022, 27.0% of twelfth grade students enrolled in dual credit, whereas 14.4% of eleventh grade students enrolled in dual credit. The enrollment of tenth grade students in dual credit is likely to be 7.2%. Dual credit students take an average of 7.45 credits each year.

The fiscal impact of HB 1122 to the Department of Education's budget would be an increase of \$611,097 in general funds, calculated by taking 11,785 tenth grade students times 7.2% times 7.45 credits times \$96.67.

The Department of Education provided the student enrollment data.

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