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BILL SUMMARY Senate Bill 872, Printer's No. 956 Prime Sponsor: Brubaker

A. SYNOPSIS:

Senate Bill 872 reduces the requirements placed on school entities and postsecondary institutions that choose to participate in the Opportunities for Educational Excellence program, commonly known as dual or concurrent enrollment.

B. BILL ANALYSIS:

The dual enrollment program provides grants to school entities for students to concurrently enroll in high school and postsecondary courses, receiving both secondary and postsecondary credit for that coursework.

Current law requires any school entity that wishes to partner with a post-secondary institution for concurrent enrollment purposes to follow a list of mandates, including the creation of a concurrent enrollment committee composed of specific members that must meet on a quarterly basis.

Senate Bill 872 repeals the specific requirements in the law regarding the formation of the concurrent enrollment committee, its composition and duties. All other requirements of the act remain the same.

Each school entity interested in establishing a concurrent enrollment program would develop an agreement and present it to each eligible postsecondary institution participating in the concurrent enrollment program. Concurrent course criteria shall be agreed upon by the school entity and the eligible postsecondary institution at which an eligible student seeks to enroll in concurrent courses.

The bill shall take effect in 60 days.

C. SUMMARY OF RELEVANT EXISTING LAW:

The bill amends Section 1602-B (relating to definitions), 1611-B (relating to responsibilities of school entities), 1612-B (relating to concurrent enrollment committees), 1613-B (relating to concurrent enrollment agreements) and 1614-B (relating to enrollment in concurrent courses) of the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L. 30, No. 14), known as the Public School Code of 1949.