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HOUSE BILL 762-REPRESENTATIVE ROAE

SYNOPSIS:

Authorizes the Secretary of Education to enter into and administer membership in a regional compact and interstate reciprocity agreement for the provision of postsecondary distance education.

SUMMARY:

Amends the School Code to authorize the Secretary of Education to enter into and administer membership in a regional compact and an interstate reciprocity agreement for the provision of postsecondary distance education by the following:

Institutions of higher education to students in other states, territories and districts party to such agreement; and

Postsecondary institutions in other states, territories or districts that are a party to such agreement to students in the Commonwealth.

Permits the department to charge administrative fees to institutions of higher education that choose to participate in the agreement, not to exceed the Department of Education's additional administrative cost.

Establishes a restricted receipts account, consisting of all administrative fees, from which the department may draw monies for agreement expenses, the costs of administering and implementing the agreement and all other costs associated with the activities of the department related to implementation.

Effective in 60 days.

History: Passed House 4/15/15 (193-0)