

BILL SUMMARY
1st Session of the 55th Legislature

Bill No.:	SB 707
Version:	Engrossed
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Impact:	\$0 Immediate; Impact Contingent On Testing Group Recommendations

Research Analysis

SB 707 directs the State Board of Education, in conjunction with other stakeholders as provided for in the measure, to develop recommendations for high school graduation. Recommendations must be presented to the Board by March 1, 2016, and the Board must adopt new requirements for high school graduation and a timeline for implementation by May 1, 2016. The measure specifies the corresponding student assessments for English Language Arts and Mathematics will solely be approved by the state through the Board. Additionally, the measure specifies the corresponding assessments for all subject matter standards will solely be approved by the state through the Board.

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Fiscal Analysis

SB 707 requires a number of state entities, including the State Board of Education, the Commission for Educational Quality and Accountability, the State Regents for Higher Education, the State Board of Career and Technology Education, and the Department of Commerce, to develop recommendations for high school graduation requirements. Provisions include adopting new high school graduation requirements by May 1, 2016, and a timeline for implementation. Though the adoption of new graduation requirements may impact the State Department of Education in coming years, the measure does not identify any specific changes, thus precluding quantification of exact cost or savings. Costs and/or savings will be dependent on changes to existing graduation requirements, as recommended by the Board.

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Other Considerations

None.