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## HOUSE BILL 1552, 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. Permits the department to promulgate final-omitted regulations, provided that such regulations expire on June 30, 2018. After June 30, 2018, any revisions to the administrative fees shall be done through the regulatory review process.

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 Date: 60 days

### BILL HISTORY:

Passed House (197-0) 10/5/15

The language of this bill was passed by the Senate in two previous pieces of legislation. HB 762 contained this original language and was amended to include education funding implementation language. The bill passed the Senate on 6/30/15 (30-19) but was vetoed by the Governor, Veto #3, 7/2/15. The language of this bill was also amended into HB 224, which also contained education funding implementation language. It passed the Senate on 9/18/15 (30-19) and was vetoed by the Governor, Veto #6, 9/29/15.

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