

## HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

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## **FISCAL NOTE**

**HOUSE BILL: 349** 

PRINTER'S NO: 380

PRIME SPONSOR: Reed

FISCAL IMPACT SUMMARY	FY 2009/10	FY 2010/11
Expenditure Increase/(Decrease):		
General Fund	\$0	\$0

## **OVERVIEW:**

House Bill 349 authorizes institutions of higher education to offer courses to adults over the age of 60 free of tuition, if an institution chooses to participate.

This bill takes effect immediately.

## **ANALYSIS:**

Institutions of higher education may, at their option, establish guidelines to participate in the program. Each institution that chooses to participate shall determine how to administer the program, including guidelines for admitting participating adults, which courses shall be available and if the courses will count for credit, noncredit, certification, degree or enrichment. Institutions also shall work with the local area aging agency to promote the program.

Because institutions of higher education are the entities who establish the guidelines for the program, there is no cost to the Department of Education. State owned institutions that choose to participate are assumed to be able to absorb any cost within existing resources, as are local area aging agencies.

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