Sponsor(s): Representatives Priest, Jarrett and Cox

Brief Description: Authorizing performance contracts between the state and institutions of higher education. Revised for 1st Substitute: Exploring opportunities to create performance contracts between the state and institutions of higher education.

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Finds that the intent to combine institutional flexibility and authority to make decisions at the local level with accountability for achieving statewide goals and objectives has never been fully achieved, in part because there has not been an operating mechanism through which to implement this relationship.

Declares an intent to authorize performance contracts between the state and each public four-year institution of higher education, as well as a performance contract between the state and the community and technical college system. These performance contracts will constitute a negotiated agreement between the state and the governing boards of each institution and the community and technical college system where each party makes a multiyear commitment to operate under the terms of the agreement.

Declares that it is through these performance contracts that the legislature intends to implement a new relationship between the state and its institutions of higher education, where the state's primary interest lies not in the management and operations of an institution, but in the institution's contribution to achieving agreed-upon statewide goals and objectives for higher education.