

**HB 2583 - DIGEST**

(SUBSTITUTED FOR - SEE 2ND SUB)

Declares an intent to provide and maintain a consistent delivery of health benefits to part-time academic employees who have established an ongoing employment relationship with the colleges and to prevent unnecessary and harmful lapses in health benefits coverage. To this end, the legislature intends to establish an additional eligibility status to average academic workload over an academic year, rather than in each quarter. This is not intended to alter the continued eligibility of those who continue to maintain half-time or more in each quarter.