

**HB 2717 - DIGEST**

(SUBSTITUTED FOR - SEE 2ND SUB)

Launches two pilot projects.

Encourages the four-year institutions of higher education, working with the higher education coordinating board or successor agency, business, and other partners as may be appropriate, to collaborate in order to design innovative approaches to increase the number of resident students working toward and gaining baccalaureate degrees or further updating or advancing their academic credentials.

Encourages the state board for community and technical colleges, working with the higher education coordinating board or successor agency, business, and other agencies and partners as may be appropriate, to charter a consortium of volunteer community and technical colleges to design innovative approaches to increase the cost-effective delivery of developmental and remedial education.