



MEMORANDUM

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TO: Members, 2021 Special Committee on Education
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SUBJECT: Follow-up on LPA's Limited-Scope Audit of Developmental Education Courses

I presented an update on our current limited-scope audit of Developmental Education Courses. Several of the committee members asked questions that I promised to follow-up on after the meeting.

Our audit on Developmental Educational Courses is a limited-scope audit which means we have very limited time to conduct the audit work. To reduce the amount of time it will take to analyze the survey, we have asked mostly close-ended questions. One question that we asked was about the reasons students may need developmental courses. For that question, we provided a number of possible answers and asked the respondent to rate how much of a factor each issue is.

- Rep. Winn asked whether the survey would address whether some college students need developmental courses because they have been out of school for quite some time. One option on the survey will allow respondents to report whether this is a significant factor for why students need developmental courses. We also plan to work with the Board of Regents to collect data on the age of students who take developmental courses.
- Sen. Sykes asked whether the survey would address whether a student may not have taken the proper courses in high school because the student changed tracks. One option on the survey will allow respondents to report whether the student's high school course work choices affected their need for developmental courses. However, we will not know why the student may not have taken the proper courses (they changed track vs. they didn't know what classes to take, etc.).

Please let me know if you have any further questions on this audit.