

THE SENATE  
THE THIRTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE  
REGULAR SESSION OF 2021

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NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Wednesday, February 10, 2021  
TIME: 3:00 PM  
PLACE: Conference Room 229  
TIMESLOT: EDU

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A G E N D A

[SB 245](#)

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RELATING TO EDUCATION.

Requires the Department of Education's existing Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) working group to create a state plan to make completion of the FAFSA or an opt-out waiver a statewide graduation requirement by the 2023-2024 school year. Requires a report to the 2022 Legislature.

EDU/HRE, WAM

Decision Making to follow, if time permits.

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Senator Donna Mercado Kim  
Chair

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