

## College Readiness Math Test, AL

**Agency:** 350 Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction  
**Budget Period:** 2009-11

### **Recommendation Summary Text (Short Description):**

The Transition Mathematics Project developed a college readiness math test (CRMT) to be implemented statewide during the 2009-10 academic year. The Council of Presidents and the State Board for Community and Technical Colleges have agreed to honor the CRMT scores of high school juniors if the junior meet or exceed the college readiness cut score and take a rigorous math course in their senior year. Superintendent Bergeson requests \$675,000 for eleventh graders to take this test so the number of math remediation courses can decrease.

### **Fiscal Detail**

<b>Operating Expenditures</b>		<b>FY 2010</b>	<b>FY 2011</b>	<b>Total</b>
College Readiness Math Test	001-01	\$675,000	\$675,000	\$1,350,000
<b>Total Cost</b>		<b>\$675,000</b>	<b>\$675,000</b>	<b>\$1,350,000</b>

<b>Staffing</b>	<b>FY 2010</b>	<b>FY 2011</b>	<b>Annual Avg.</b>
<b>Total FTEs Requested</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

### **Package Description**

#### **Background**

House Bill 1906 (2007) required the Transition Mathematics Project to develop a college readiness mathematics test (CRMT) for use at all state public two- and four-year colleges and universities no later than September 1, 2009. Additionally, HB 1906 required high schools to allow high school students the opportunity to take the CRMT, if funds are appropriated specifically for this purpose.

In 2007, the Legislature provided \$675,000 for eleventh grade students to take college readiness math test beginning in fiscal year (FY) 2009; however, the CRMT will not be ready until FY 2010. Superintendent Bergeson requests that this allocation be supported again for the next biennium.

#### **Current Situation**

The college readiness math test has been developed and will be piloted statewide during the 2008-09 academic year. The CRMT will be available for use at all state public two- and four-year colleges and universities as well as all public high schools beginning fall quarter 2009.

The Council of Presidents and the State Board for Community and Technical Colleges have agreed to honor the CRMT scores of high school juniors if the junior meet or exceed the college readiness cut score and take a rigorous math course in their senior year.

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### **Proposed Solution**

As an incentive for high schools to provide students the opportunity to take the college readiness math test and to provide an incentive for students to take the CRMT, Superintendent Bergeson proposes that institutions of higher education provide a waiver of the assessment fee for high school students to take the CRMT once. The Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) will reimburse school districts for the cost of the assessments on an annual basis.

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### **Narrative Justification and Impact Statement**

#### **What specific performance outcomes does the agency expect?**

The agency expects students will be better prepared for higher education in the area of mathematics.

#### **Performance Measure Detail**

Math remediation rates will be tracked.

#### **Is this decision package essential to implement a strategy identified in the agency's strategic plan?**

This decision package supports Goal 1: High Achievement for All Students.

#### **Reason for change:**

This request is made to implement the intent of the 2007 Legislature in their passage of HB 1906 by providing students an early opportunity to assess of their math skills.

#### **Does this decision package provide essential support to one of the Governor's priorities?**

This decision package supports the Governor's Student Achievement priority by providing an opportunity for high school students to prepare for the future.

#### **Does this decision package make key contributions to statewide results? Would it rate as a high priority in the Priorities of Government process?**

Superintendent Bergeson anticipates a decrease in the number of remediation math courses in higher education because students will have time to take courses and prepare for college prior to graduating from high school.

#### **What are the other important connections or impacts related to this proposal?**

House Bill 1906 (2007) required the Transition Mathematics Project to develop a college readiness mathematics test (CRMT) for use at all state public two- and four-year colleges and universities no later than September 1, 2009. This committee of stakeholders from K-12 and higher education was charged with creating a common

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math assessment to be used by all higher education institutions in the state. This funding would provide students an opportunity to take this assessment.

### Impact on Clients and Services

This funding will provide an opportunity for high school students to assess their readiness for college-level math with time to take courses in their senior year to prepare for college if they are not yet ready.

### Impact on Other State Programs

#### **What alternatives were explored by the agency, and why was this alternative chosen?**

No other alternatives were considered.

#### **What are the consequences of not funding this package?**

Not funding this package will prevent some students from getting adequately prepared for college.

#### **What is the relationship, if any, to the state's capital budget?**

None.

#### **What changes would be required to existing statutes, rules, or contracts, in order to implement the change?**

None.

#### **Expenditure Calculations and Assumptions:**

Staff assumed an assessment fee of \$15 and 45,000 eleventh graders would take the assessment annually. The costs to reimburse districts through the apportionment system can be absorbed.

### Object Detail

		<b>FY 2010</b>	<b>FY 2011</b>	<b>Total</b>
A	Salary and Wages	\$0	\$0	\$0
B	Employee Benefits	\$0	\$0	\$0
C	Contracts	\$0	\$0	\$0
E	Goods/Services	\$0	\$0	\$0
G	Travel	\$0	\$0	\$0
J	Equipment	\$0	\$0	\$0
N	Grants	\$675,000	\$675,000	\$1,350,000
	Interagency Reimbursement	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Other	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Total Objects</b>		<b>\$675,000</b>	<b>\$675,000</b>	<b>\$1,350,000</b>

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### Expenditures & FTEs by Program

Activity Inventory Item	Prog	Staffing			Operating Expenditures		
		FY 2010	FY 2011	Avg	FY 2010	FY 2011	Total
A002 Administration	010	0	0	0	\$675,000	\$675,000	\$1,350,000
<b>Total Activities</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>\$675,000</b>	<b>\$675,000</b>	<b>\$1,350,000</b>

### Six-Year Expenditure Estimates

Fund	09-11 Total	11-13 Total	13-15 Total
General Fund – State	\$1,350,000	\$1,350,000	\$1,350,000
<b>Expenditure Total</b>	<b>\$1,350,000</b>	<b>\$1,350,000</b>	<b>\$1,350,000</b>
<b>FTEs</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

#### **Distinction between one-time and ongoing costs:**

All costs are ongoing.

#### **Budget impacts in future biennia:**

It is anticipated that more students will choose to take these assessments in the future but the increase cannot be estimated at this time.