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House Appropriations Committee Passes Representative Heather Carter's College Readiness Assessment Bill

STATE CAPITOL, PHOENIX – The House Appropriations Committee yesterday passed [HB 2210](#), a bill sponsored by Representative Heather Carter (R-15) that will provide for a nationally-recognized college readiness assessment to be provided, free of charge, to Arizona high school juniors in a pilot program.

“This is an important opportunity for Arizona to increase the college enrollment rate in Arizona,” said Representative Carter. **“Administering college readiness assessments to all juniors will increase postsecondary awareness and access for our students.”**

Research shows that increased post-secondary degree attainment contributes to greater statewide economic gains, decreased reliance on government services, and reduced crime rates. HB 2210 addresses over-testing concerns and allows for students to opt-out of the pilot program.

“This can be a game-changer and open doors to postsecondary education pathways that many students do not know exist,” said Representative Carter.

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