


Vermont House Education Committee Testimony Notes

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Spring / Summer of 2020

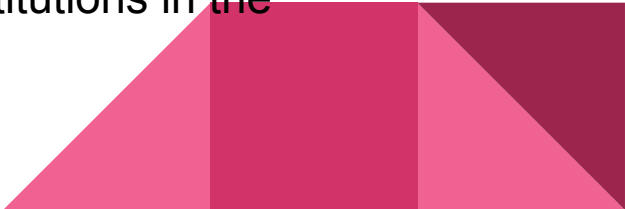
- Some Centers Didn't Finish Recruitment Last Year
 - Student Triage Spring 2020/Scheduling Delayed/Rushed Scheduling
 - Enrollment Drops at start of school year/Attrition Rates/Required Classes Failures
 - Days in session or times of day, created hassles for students
 - Half Day Programs Parents send to just one school to limit exposure
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Spring of 2021 for Fall of 2021

- Decrease of Applications - Gathered data over the last couple of weeks
- Remote Recruitment Is Just Not The Same
- Enrollment is Preceded by Outreach and Recruitment which relegated to a variety of remote activities
- No in person visits or presentations at sending schools



Fall of 2021 through Fall 2025

- A Little Different Story for Each Center - Fickleness 6 Semester Avg. Rising and Falling/Replacing Low Number with High Number
 - First post COVID Recruitment Season will be Spring of 2022 for Enrollment Fall of 2022
 - Six semesters from October 2022 will fully purge the COVID impacted enrollments
 - October 2024 could be the lowest FTE full burden of COVID enrollment
 - Decrease in participation has placed certain programs in jeopardy due to lower enrollment
 - VT CTE Funding, unlike the rest of the system, is dependent on student enrollment. Arguably VT CTE are the most impacted institutions in the State of Vermont.
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Solutions

Solutions are limited

- FTE - Hold Harmless (Ghost Students) or Financial Relief Independent of Passing on Cost
- Reduce Staffing/Programming is not desirable when our state needs CTE the most given the states workforce shortage
 - Starts next year for some centers
- Pass On Increased Costs to Sending Schools but this creates a barrier which is already there
- Ramp Up Funding System Change
- Use of Covid Relief Funds



Thank You !

