

EDUCATION ESTIMATING CONFERENCE ON STUDENT FINANCIAL AID IMPACT

Issue: State University Block Tuition Policies

Bill Number(s): CS/CS/SB 374 (Enrolled)

Entire Bill

Partial Bill: Section 128

Sponsor(s): Senators Hukill, Galvano, and Simpson

Month/Year Impact Begins: Fall Semester 2018 (FY 2018-19)

Date of Analysis: June 12, 2017

Section 1: Narrative

a. Current Law: Pursuant to section 1009.24(15)(a), F.S., the Board of Governors may approve a proposal from a university board of trustees to implement flexible tuition policies. Undergraduate block tuition is listed as one type of flexible tuition policy. A block tuition policy must be based on the per-credit-hour undergraduate tuition established in section 1009.24(4), F.S., and may not increase the state’s fiscal liability or obligation. To date, the Board of Governors has not received any proposals from a state university to implement a block tuition policy.

Several state financial aid programs are linked to the cost of tuition and fees at State Universities, including the Bright Futures Scholarship Program, the Children and Spouses of Deceased or Disabled Veterans Scholarship Program, the Benacquisto Scholarship Program, and the Florida Farmworker Scholarship Program.

b. Proposed Change: The bill requires each state university board of trustees to adopt a block tuition policy for implementation beginning in the fall 2018 academic semester. The policy must apply to the entering freshman class of full-time, first-time-in-college (FTIC) students, and may be extended to include other enrolled students. The policy must include block tuition and any required fees including, but not limited to, activity and service fees, financial aid fees, capital improvement fees, health fees, and technology fees.

Each state university board of trustees must adopt a block tuition and fee policy and submit it to the Board of Governors by October 1, 2017. By December 1, 2017, the Chancellor of the State University System must provide a report to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House summarizing the institutional policies and the Board of Governors’ review and approval of such policies.

Section 2: Description of Data and Sources

- State University System Tuition and Required Fees, 2016-17, available at <http://www.flbog.edu/forstudents/planning/tuition.php>.
- State University System Fall 2015 Average Semester Credit Hour Load by Student Level, available at <http://www.flbog.edu/resources/factbooks/>.
- State University System Fall 2016 Undergraduate Student Enrollment, available at http://www.flbog.edu/resources/iud/enrollment_search.php.

Section 3: Methodology (Include Assumptions and Attach Details)

Because the bill allows each university to develop its own block tuition policy, and the policies are subject to approval by the Board of Governors, a fiscal impact on associated state financial aid programs cannot be determined at this time.

Section 4: Proposed Fiscal Impact

The proposed fiscal impact for this section of the bill is +/- **Indeterminate**.

| | High | | Middle | | Low | |
|---------|------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------|-----------|
| | Cash | Recurring | Cash | Recurring | Cash | Recurring |
| 2017-18 | | | 0 | (**) / ** | | |
| 2018-19 | | | (**) / ** | (**) / ** | | |
| 2019-20 | | | (**) / ** | (**) / ** | | |
| 2020-21 | | | (**) / ** | (**) / ** | | |
| 2021-22 | | | (**) / ** | (**) / ** | | |

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List of affected Trust Funds:

General Revenue Fund

Educational Enhancement Trust Fund

Section 5: Consensus Estimate (Adopted: June 12, 2017)

The Conference adopted an impact of +/- Indeterminate.

| | GR | | Trust | | Local/Other | | Total | |
|---------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| | Cash | Recurring | Cash | Recurring | Cash | Recurring | Cash | Recurring |
| 2017-18 | 0 | (**) / ** | 0 | (**) / ** | 0 | 0 | 0 | (**) / ** |
| 2018-19 | (**) / ** | (**) / ** | (**) / ** | (**) / ** | 0 | 0 | (**) / ** | (**) / ** |
| 2019-20 | (**) / ** | (**) / ** | (**) / ** | (**) / ** | 0 | 0 | (**) / ** | (**) / ** |
| 2020-21 | (**) / ** | (**) / ** | (**) / ** | (**) / ** | 0 | 0 | (**) / ** | (**) / ** |
| 2021-22 | (**) / ** | (**) / ** | (**) / ** | (**) / ** | 0 | 0 | (**) / ** | (**) / ** |