



HB 2601 - SB 2503

June 8, 2020

SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL: Renames the Tuition Transparency and Accountability Act to the Tuition Transparency and Responsible Borrowing Initiative Act.

Requires all public institutions of higher education (institutions) to provide every student a notice of financial aid eligibility to include a detailed and completed current-year federal or institution-specific college financing plan.

Requires each institution to provide a student who is finalizing acceptance of a financial aid package, the net cost of the student's attendance in a prominent and highly visible manner and an interactive student loan scenario calculator that demonstrates repayment levels.

Requires each institution to provide additional financial aid information, including links to appropriate financial aid tools and resources, as determined by the Tennessee Higher Education Commission.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

Increase State Expenditures - \$5,600/FY20-21/Tennessee Board of Regents
\$33,600/FY20-21/Locally Governed Institutions
\$5,600/FY20-21/University of Tennessee

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENTS (015405, 018211): Amendment 015405 deletes and replaces all language after the enacting clause such that the only substantive change is to require institutions to provide students with the estimated unmet financial need accompanied by the total amount per year of eligible student loans, and a statement on the importance of responsible student borrowing when a student is finalizing acceptance of a financial aid package, as opposed to an interactive student loan scenario calculator.

Amendment 018211 adds language to the bill as amended by amendment 015405 to require institutions to provide students with a notification that certain professional licenses or registrations may be suspended, denied, or revoked due to a student's delinquency or default on a student loan repayment or service obligation.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENTS:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumption for the bill as amended:

- Any increase in administrative expenditures to the institutions for providing the required college financing plan, additional financial aid information, and other notifications is assumed to be absorbed within existing resources.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



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