

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

SB 441 - HB 497

February 21, 2019

SUMMARY OF BILL: Expands the definition of eligible postsecondary institution to include Western Governors University as an eligible institution for receipt of the Tennessee HOPE Scholarship.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures –

**\$1,496,000/FY19-20/Lottery for Education Account
Exceeds \$1,496,000/FY20-21 and Subsequent Years/Lottery for
Education Account**

Other Fiscal Impact – Funding of \$1,496,000 in FY19-20 and recurring funding exceeding \$1,496,000 in FY20-21 and subsequent years will not be available for transfer from the Lottery for Education Account to the Tennessee Promise Special Reserve Account.

Assumptions:

- Based on information provided by the Tennessee Student Assistance Corporation, Western Governors University currently has 374 students eligible to receive the Tennessee HOPE Scholarship for nontraditional students.
- The average award amount for the Tennessee HOPE Scholarship for nontraditional students is \$4,000 per year.
- The increase in state expenditures in FY19-20 is estimated to be \$1,496,000 (\$4,000 x 374 eligible students).
- The number of eligible students that attend Western Governors University is expected to increase in subsequent years; therefore, the recurring increase in state expenditures in FY20-21 and subsequent years is estimated to exceed \$1,496,000.

CERTIFICATION:

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

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Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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