

**JBC STAFF FISCAL ANALYSIS  
HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE**

CONCERNING MEASURES TO INCREASE THE TIMELY COMPLETION OF POSTSECONDARY DEGREES.

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**Summary of Amendments Made to the Bill After the 02/21/12 Legislative Council Staff Fiscal Note Was Prepared (Amended by the House Education Committee 03/14/12)**

The House Education Committee Report removes the term remedial education from the bill, makes the list of academic performance standards for first-time admitted freshman students and transfer students permissive rather than mandatory, gives governing boards discretion as to additional criteria that may be used in lieu of the statewide criteria for admitted freshman, and gives governing boards input on the interpretation of each institution's role and mission and service area.

**These amendments do not affect the fiscal impact of the bill.**

**JBC Staff Concurrence with Legislative Council Staff Fiscal Note**

**Concurs**                       **Does Not Concur**                       **Updated Analysis**

**Amendments/Appropriation Status**

The bill requires but does not contain an appropriation clause. Staff has prepared amendment **J.001** (attached) to add a provision appropriating \$570,513 General Fund to the ten higher education governing boards in FY 2012-13. In addition, the appropriation provides 0.5 FTE to each of the ten higher education governing boards.

**Bill Sponsor Amendments**

Sponsor amendment **L.006** allows an eligible undergraduate student to receive a stipend from the College Opportunity Fund (COF) for up to 145 credit hours rather than 140 credit hours and removes the prohibition of COF stipend payment for a class for which the eligible undergraduate student has previously enrolled two or more times and received an incomplete each time.

Sponsor amendment **L.007** allows an eligible undergraduate student to receive need-based financial aid for up to 145 credit hours rather than 140 credit hours and removes the prohibition of need-based financial aid payments for a class for which the eligible undergraduate student has previously enrolled two or more times and received an incomplete each time.

**Sponsor amendments L.006 and L.007 remove the fiscal impact of the bill. If amendments L.006 and L.007 are adopted, amendment J.001 should not be adopted.**

**Points to Consider**

The Joint Budget Committee has introduced a balanced budget package for FY 2012-13 based on the March 2012 Office of State Planning and Budgeting forecast. The budget package appropriates all but approximately \$200,000 of General Fund revenues projected to be available, less a statutorily required four percent General Fund reserve. This bill requires a General Fund appropriation of \$570,513 for FY 2012-13. If this bill is enacted, other General Fund appropriations for existing programs will need to be reduced by \$370,513 in order to maintain the statutorily required General Fund reserve.