

Department of Planning and Budget 2024 Session Fiscal Impact Statement

1. **Bill Number:** HB1365

House of Origin Introduced Substitute Engrossed
Second House In Committee Substitute Enrolled

2. **Patron:** Carr

3. **Committee:** Education and Health

4. **Title:** Public institutions of higher education; release of student transcripts.

5. **Summary:** Requires each public institution of higher education to release an academic transcript directly to the employer or prospective employer of a student currently or formerly enrolled at such institution upon the request of the student. The bill also prohibits any public institution of higher education from conditioning the release of an academic transcript to a student currently or formerly enrolled at such institution on the payment of an outstanding debt if (i) such outstanding debt is less than \$500; (ii) such outstanding debt is less than \$1000 and such currently or formerly enrolled student received a Federal Pell Grant at any time during his enrollment; or (iii) such currently or formerly enrolled student has enrolled in a repayment plan and has made at least three consecutive monthly payments on such outstanding debt.

6. **Budget Amendment Necessary:** No

7. **Fiscal Impact Estimates:** Preliminary, see Item 8.

8. **Fiscal Implications:** Public institutions of higher education anticipate that this legislation may make it more difficult for institutions to collect outstanding student debt and may result in an indeterminate revenue loss to the institutions. Additionally, institutions indicate that current systems may not readily provide the information necessary to meet the provisions of this bill, so institutions may have increased costs related to additional system programming or implementing manual processes to meet these requirements. For example, at least one school indicated that its systems cannot differentiate between students that did and did not previously receive Pell Grants, and at least one school indicated that its systems cannot determine if payments were made over three consecutive months.

The actual fiscal impact to public institutions of higher education is indeterminate at this time.

9. **Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** Public institutions of higher education

10. **Technical Amendment Necessary:** No

11. **Other Comments:** None