

Department of Planning and Budget 2014 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB633

House of Origin	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Introduced	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Engrossed
Second House	<input type="checkbox"/> In Committee	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Enrolled

2. Patron: Edwards

3. Committee: Education and Health

4. Title: Tuition waiver for dependent children of faculty at institutions of higher education

5. Summary: The proposed legislation authorizes public institutions of higher education to grant full or partial tuition waivers to dependent students of faculty members employed by the institution, to be paid out of the institution's nongeneral funds. The bill would also allow public institutions to enter into reciprocal agreements that would allow the dependents of faculty to use waivers at other public institutions that are party to the agreement.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Indeterminate. See Line 8. It is anticipated there will be no fiscal impact on the general fund if this legislation is implemented.

8. Fiscal Implications: The bill allows the institutions to establish eligibility criteria for participation, including length of time that a faculty member must be employed, before children are eligible for the program. The eligibility criteria could also include the maximum age of the dependent children and the maximum number of credit hours the tuition waiver can be authorized to cover.

The tuition waiver is to be supported by the institution's nongeneral fund appropriation. Depending on the number of waivers granted, there could be pressure on an institution to raise tuition and fees to support the program.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:

Public institutions of higher education

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.

Date: 1/29/2014