

Department of Planning and Budget 2008 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB652

House of Origin X Introduced Substitute Engrossed

Second House In Committee Substitute Enrolled

2. Patron: Hanger

3. Committee: Education and Health

4. Title: In-state tuition and educational benefits for unlawful aliens.

5. Summary: Provides that an individual who is not either (a) a citizen or national of the United States, (b) a lawful permanent resident of the United States, or (c) an alien who submits documentary evidence of (1) a valid, unexpired nonimmigrant visa status, (2) a pending or approved application for asylum in the United States, (3) refugee status, (4) temporary protected status, (5) a pending application for adjustment of status to lawful permanent resident, or (6) otherwise lawfully present in the United States as defined in federal law or regulations, shall not be eligible for in-state tuition rates at any public institution of higher education in the Commonwealth. This legislation also establishes additional standards that must be met by a student who is actively pursuing legal permanent residency.

6. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Indeterminate, see Item 8.

7. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

8. Fiscal Implications: Cost to implement this legislation would depend on the specific college or university, and their current practice of validating potential students' immigration status. Public institutions that do not verify immigration status, and have large student populations, would potentially see an increase in administrative costs, specifically staff to research and certify students with questionable immigration status.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: All state colleges and universities.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No

11. Other Comments: HB14, HB123, HB1010, and SB434 are similar in nature to this bill.

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C: Secretary of Education

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