

# SENATE BILL REPORT

## SJM 8010

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As of February 18, 2009

**Brief Description:** Petitioning the federal government to eliminate federal financial benefits from accruing to colleges and universities that use legacy preferences in admissions.

**Sponsors:** Senators Tom, Jarrett and Kline.

**Brief History:**

**Committee Activity:** Higher Education & Workforce Development: 2/24/09.

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### SENATE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER EDUCATION & WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

**Staff:** Aldo Melchiori (786-7439)

**Background:** Legacy college admissions are preferences given to applicants, who are children of alumni, for admission to an institution. Current research shows that 52 of the top 68 national universities and 50 of the top 53 liberal arts colleges grant legacy preferences. These include both private and public institutions.

**Summary of Bill:** The Legislature asks the President of the United States, Congress, and the Secretary of Education to deny federal grants, student aid, or other financial benefits to colleges or universities that use legacy preferences in their admissions decisions.

**Appropriation:** None.

**Fiscal Note:** Not requested.

**Committee/Commission/Task Force Created:** No.

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