

SENATE BILL REPORT

SB 5365

As of February 21, 2007

Title: An act relating to creating the historically Black college fund pilot project.

Brief Description: Creating the historically Black college fund pilot project.

Sponsors: Senator Jacobsen.

Brief History:

Committee Activity: Higher Education: 2/22/07.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER EDUCATION

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Background: Historically black colleges and universities (HBCU) are colleges or universities that were established before 1964 with the intention of serving the African American community. There are more than 100 historically black colleges in the United States. Historically black colleges were established specifically to serve black students, though many white students also attend.

Summary of Bill: The historically black college fund pilot project is created. Up to 100 students may use their state-funded need grant awards to study at Morehouse College, Howard University, Spelman College, Grambling State University, or Tuskegee University. The project is administered by the Higher Education Coordinating Board (HECB) who may adopt rules to establish eligibility criteria for students and participating institutions.

By December 15, 2012, the HECB reports the results of the pilot project and makes recommendations regarding revision or expansion. The pilot project expires on June 30, 2012.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

Committee/Commission/Task Force Created: No.

Effective Date: Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.

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