

HB 2011 - DIGEST

Finds that it is in the interests of our state to extend the commute trip reduction program to include not only employees, but also students from public institutions of higher education. Traffic congestion is a serious problem that affects the health and safety of everyone in the state. Therefore, the inclusion of students in the commute trip reduction programs that public universities are already operating for their employees would be greatly beneficial in reaching this state's existing policy goals of reducing traffic and improving environmental quality.

Requires each public institution of higher education to maintain at least one full-time equivalent employee for the purpose of managing the public institution's commute trip reduction program to ensure that the program is offered to students in addition to employees, as required under this act.

Appropriates the sum of thirty-five thousand dollars, or as much thereof as may be necessary, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2008, from the general fund to each public institution of higher education, as defined in this act.