
College & Workforce Development Committee

HB 1907

Brief Description: Concerning scholarship displacement in postsecondary institutions' gift equity packaging policies.

Sponsors: Representatives Steele and Jacobsen.

Brief Summary of Bill

- Requires the Washington Student Achievement Council to ensure that postsecondary institutions participating in state student financial aid programs allow a student who receives a private scholarship to receive up to 100 percent of the student's unmet need before the student's federal, state, or institutional aid is reduced.

Hearing Date: 1/24/22

Staff: Elizabeth Allison (786-7129).

Background:

Scholarship displacement is when a student's institutional, state, or federal financial aid is reduced due to the student's receipt of a private scholarship.

State student financial aid programs include the Washington College Grant, the College Bound Scholarship, and the Washington State Opportunity Scholarship.

The Washington Student Achievement Council (WSAC) provides strategic planning, oversight, advocacy, and programs to support increased student success and higher levels of educational attainment in Washington. The agency's responsibilities include administration of student

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financial assistance programs and student outreach.

Summary of Bill:

The WSAC must ensure that postsecondary institutions that participate in state student financial aid programs have a gift equity packaging policy allowing for a student who receives a private scholarship to receive up to 100 percent of the student's unmet need before any of the student's federal, state, or institutional financial aid is reduced. This provision does not apply to public community and technical colleges.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Available.

Effective Date: The bill takes effect 90 days after adjournment of the session in which the bill is passed.