

SENATE BILL SUMMARY

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SB 762 State University Tuition and Fees by Senator Pruitt

Requires the Education Estimating Conference to develop information relating to the national average of tuition and fees at public postsecondary educational institutions.

Revises provisions relating to the use of the student financial aid fee. Revises provisions relating to the establishment of a tuition differential for undergraduate courses and provides that each university board of trustees may establish such a tuition differential upon approval from the Board of Governors.

Provides that each tuition differential is subject to conditions including, but not limited to:

- The aggregate sum of tuition and the tuition differential charged for a given course or courses may not be increased by more than 15 percent of the total charged for the aggregate sum of these fees in the same course or courses in the preceding fiscal year.
- Beneficiaries having prepaid tuition contracts which were in effect on July 1, 2007, and which remain in effect, are exempt from the payment of the tuition differential.
- The tuition differential may not be charged to any student who was in attendance at the university before July 1, 2007 and who maintains continuous enrollment.

Provides requirements for a proposal to implement a tuition differential which may be submitted by a university board of trustees to the Board of Governors. Requires the Board of Governors to review each proposal and advise the university board of trustees of approval, the need for additional information or revision, or denial.

Provides that no state university shall be required to lower any tuition differential that was approved by the Board of Governors and in effect prior to January 1, 2009, in order to comply with the provisions of this act. (See bill for details)