



Senate

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File No. 642

Senate Bill No. 91

Senate, April 17, 2008

The Committee on Appropriations reported through SEN. HARP of the 10th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING FULL CARRYOVER AUTHORITY FOR THE CAPITOL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (f) of section 4-89 of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
3 *1, 2008*):

4 (f) The provisions of this section shall not apply to appropriations to
5 the Department of Higher Education for student financial assistance
6 [in an amount not greater than five per cent of the annual state student
7 financial assistance appropriation] for the scholarship program
8 established under section 10a-169, for the high technology graduate
9 scholarship program established under section 10a-170a, for
10 Connecticut higher education centers of excellence established under
11 section 10a-25h, for the minority advancement program established
12 under subsection (b) of section 10a-11, for the high technology doctoral
13 fellowship program established under section 10a-25n, or to the
14 operating funds of the constituent units of the state system of higher

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OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 09 \$	FY 10 \$
Higher Ed., Dept.	GF - See Below	See Below	See Below

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill removes the 5% carryover cap for the Capitol Scholarship Program. In the event that more than 5% of scholarship funding is not expended in a year (due to higher than anticipated drop-out rates in the spring semester), it may be carried forward to be used for the purpose of scholarships, rather than lapsing. The 5% carryover amount in 2008 was \$441,926 and \$299,814 lapsed.

The Out Years

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to inflation.

OLR Bill Analysis**SB 91*****AN ACT CONCERNING FULL CARRYOVER AUTHORITY FOR THE CAPITOL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM.*****SUMMARY:**

Under current law, the Department of Higher Education may carry forward up to 5% of its unspent annual appropriations for student financial assistance. This bill eliminates the 5% cap and limits the carry forward to unspent appropriations for the Capitol Scholarship Grant Program.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2008

COMMITTEE ACTION

Higher Education and Employment Advancement Committee

Joint Favorable Change of Reference

Yea 18 Nay 0 (03/06/2008)

Appropriations Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 54 Nay 0 (03/28/2008)