



# Senate

General Assembly

**File No. 808**

January Session, 2009

Substitute Senate Bill No. 798

*Senate, April 23, 2009*

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

***AN ACT ALLOWING THE DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION TO RETAIN AN ADMINISTRATIVE COST ALLOWANCE FROM THE CONNECTICUT INDEPENDENT COLLEGE STUDENT GRANT PROGRAM.***

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

1 Section 1. Section 10a-38 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2009*):

3 (a) In administering sections 10a-36 to 10a-42a, inclusive, the Board  
4 of Governors of Higher Education shall develop and utilize fiscal  
5 procedures designed to insure accountability of the public funds  
6 expended pursuant to said sections. Such procedures shall include  
7 provisions for compliance audits which may be conducted by the  
8 Department of Higher Education [of] for any independent college or  
9 university which participates in the program established pursuant to  
10 sections 10a-36 to 10a-42a, inclusive. Commencing with the fiscal year  
11 ending June 30, 1989, and biennially thereafter, each such independent  
12 institution shall submit the results of an audit done by an independent



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**OFA Fiscal Note**

**State Impact:**

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 10 \$	FY 11 \$
Higher Ed., Dept.	GF - See Below	See Below	See Below

Note: GF=General Fund

**Municipal Impact:** None

**Explanation**

The bill does not result in an additional cost. The bill allows the Department of Higher Education (DHE) to retain two-tenths of one percent of the appropriation of the Connecticut Independent College Student Grant (CICSG) to cover administrative expenses incurred by the department, as a result of conducting audits on independent colleges to ensure that the funds are being used correctly. sHB 6365 appropriates \$23.9 million in both FY 10 and FY 11 for CICSG, which would allow DHE to retain \$47,827 in both years.

**The Out Years**

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

**OLR Bill Analysis****sSB 798*****AN ACT ALLOWING THE DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION TO RETAIN AN ADMINISTRATIVE COST ALLOWANCE FROM THE CONNECTICUT INDEPENDENT COLLEGE STUDENT GRANT PROGRAM.*****SUMMARY:**

The law requires the Department of Higher Education (DHE) to conduct compliance audits for any independent college or university participating in the Connecticut Independent College Student Grant (CICSG) program. This bill authorizes DHE, beginning in FY 10, to retain 0.2% of the CICSG appropriation to cover the administrative expenses it incurs in conducting the compliance audits.

The CICSG program funds annual grants based on financial need to Connecticut undergraduate students attending the state's independent colleges.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2009

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Higher Education and Employment Advancement Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute Change of Reference  
Yea 16 Nay 3 (03/10/2009)

Appropriations Committee

Joint Favorable  
Yea 39 Nay 15 (04/15/2009)