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HB-6402

AN ACT CONCERNING HIGHER EDUCATION. AMENDMENT

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OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 22 \$	FY 23 \$
Board of Regents for Higher Education	Various - Revenue Loss	95,000 to 140,000	95,000 to 140,000

Note: Various=Various

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The amendment strikes the underlying bill and its associated fiscal impact, and results in the fiscal impact described below.

Sections 10-13 prohibit any constituent unit institution from charging a graduation fee, which results in an annual revenue loss to the Board of Regents of approximately \$95,000 to \$140,000, beginning in FY 22. The bill affects Charter Oak State College within the Board of Regents as the other units do not charge a graduation fee.

The annual revenue loss to the Board of Regents is estimated to be \$95,000 to \$140,000 based on Charter Oak's recent numbers of students who have been charged the fee, a graduation fee of \$225 in FY 22 (unchanged in recent years), and enrollment levels. Since Charter Oak enrollment has been volatile, the estimate reflects a range of 429 to 619 students paying the graduation fee, which is ten percent lower and higher than recent numbers of students who have paid the fee.

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The elimination of the Charter Oak graduation fee results in approximately a 13 to 20 percent reduction in projected fee revenue, or a total revenue reduction of 0.5 to 1 percent.

The other provisions contained in the amendment are not anticipated to result in a fiscal impact to the state or municipalities.

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