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Senate Bill 366 (Senator Hoffman)
 Economic and Environmental Affairs

Higher Education - Student Identification Cards - Required Information

This bill requires institutions of postsecondary education to include student birth dates and photographs on student identification cards issued by the institutions.

The bill takes effect June 1, 2001.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: Expenditures for public senior institutions of higher education would increase by approximately \$137,500 in FY 2002. Future year expenditures reflect ongoing costs for date of birth verification and the costs of additional supplies and equipment. Non-public institutions of higher education and community colleges would also incur costs associated with reissuing identification cards. No effect on revenues.

(in dollars)	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006
Revenues	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Higher Ed Exp.	137,500	9,000	9,000	9,000	9,000
Net Effect	(\$137,500)	(\$9,000)	(\$9,000)	(\$9,000)	(\$9,000)

Note:() = decrease; GF = general funds; FF = federal funds; SF = special funds; - = indeterminate effect

Local Effect: No direct fiscal impact, although community colleges are partially funded by local governments.

Small Business Effect: Potential minimal.

Analysis

Current Law: Student identification cards are not required to include student photographs and dates of birth. Public institutions of higher education are prohibited from printing a student's Social Security number on a student identification card.

State Fiscal Effect: This analysis assumes that the bill would require institutions to reissue existing student identification cards that do not contain birth dates and photographs. If institutions are not required to do so, costs could be met with existing resources. The University System of Maryland (USM) advises that most, if not all, higher education institutions that currently issue identification cards include students' photographs on the cards.

University System of Maryland

USM institutions do not currently include birth date information on student identification cards. USM advises that its institutions would incur one-time costs estimated at \$55,500 in fiscal 2002 to reissue existing cards. In addition, USM institutions would incur ongoing costs for verification of birth date information. These costs are estimated at \$5,000 for fiscal 2002.

Morgan State University

Morgan State University (MSU) does not currently include birth date information on student identification cards. Costs for MSU to implement the bill are estimated at \$69,000 in fiscal 2002 for supplies, equipment, and personnel expenditures; and ongoing costs of approximately \$4,000 beginning in fiscal 2003 for supplies and equipment.

St. Mary's College of Maryland

St. Mary's College of Maryland (St. Mary's) does not currently include birth date information on student identification cards. The one-time cost to implement the bill for St. Mary's is estimated at \$8,000.

Community Colleges

Based upon information supplied by Maryland community colleges, it is estimated that the total cost of implementing the bill for community colleges would be approximately \$178,000 in fiscal 2002. Some community colleges already include birth dates on student identification cards. At least one institution does not issue mandatory student

identification cards. It is assumed that the bill would not require an institution to issue student identification cards if it does not currently do so.

Community colleges receive funding from the State and local governments.

Non-public Institutions

Some non-public institutions currently include birth date information on their student identification cards, but most non-public institutions do not do so. The one-time cost to implement the bill for all non-public institutions is estimated at \$150,000.

Non-public institutions of higher education receive State funding pursuant to the Joseph A. Sellinger formula.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: HB 1370, introduced in the 2000 session, would have required students' dates of birth on student identification cards. The bill received an unfavorable report from the House Appropriations Committee.

Cross File: None.

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