

I strongly oppose HB688 requiring FAFSA applications for high school graduation for the following reasons:

Burden on Families and Schools – Not all students plan to attend college, so requiring every student to complete financial aid forms may be seen as an unnecessary bureaucratic hurdle. Schools would also need to track compliance, adding administrative strain.

One-Size-Fits-All Approach – Not all students pursue higher education. Some go directly into the workforce, military, or trade programs that don't require FAFSA/MSFAA, making the requirement seem irrelevant for their chosen path.

Please vote **unfavorable** against HB688.

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