

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL OFFICE
Fiscal Note



Fiscal Note On: **SB 103** SLS 12RS 266

Bill Text Version: **ENGROSSED**

Opp. Chamb. Action:

Proposed Amd.:

Sub. Bill For.:

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Subject: Limits Hours to Earn a Baccalaureate Degrees to 120	

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Limits the number of hours required to earn a baccalaureate degree. (8/1/12)

Present law provides that a baccalaureate degree program shall not require more than the number of credits established by the Board of Regents for degree completion without approval from the board. Proposed law instead requires that a baccalaureate degree program shall not exceed 120 credit hours without approval from the Board of Regents. The bill exempts degree programs that require more than 120 credit hours for completion to meet certification or accreditation requirements. Effective August 1, 2012.

EXPENDITURES	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	SEE BELOW					
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Ded./Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Local Funds	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
Annual Total						
REVENUES	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	5 -YEAR TOTAL
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Annual Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

There is no anticipated direct material effect on governmental expenditures as a result of this measure. All higher education management boards have recently approved the maximum of 120 college credit hours for completion of bachelor degrees and reductions in degree program credit hour requirements will be implemented by Fall 2012. A small number of baccalaureate degree programs requiring more than 120 hours to complete due to accreditation and/or certification requirements are exempt from the bill's requirements.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

There is no anticipated direct material effect on governmental revenues as a result of this measure.

Senate

Dual Referral Rules

House

13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S&H}

6.8(F)1 >= \$500,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S}

13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S&H}

6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S}

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