
DIGEST

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HB No. 222

Abstract: Prohibits supplanting of state funding for higher education in years where no deficit is forecasted and revenue from tuition increases as compared to the prior year, and limits supplanting of state funding for higher education to a maximum of 5% of the tuition increase in years subsequent to a year where a deficit was projected and revenue from tuition increases as compared to the prior year.

Proposed constitutional amendment provides that, except in a year subsequent to a projected deficit, in any fiscal year which the fees and self-generated revenues appropriated for higher education from tuition are greater than the appropriation of such funds in the prior fiscal year, the additional fees and self-generated revenues shall not displace, replace, or supplant the amount appropriated for higher education from the state general fund and dedicated funds.

Proposed constitutional amendment further provides that in any fiscal year subsequent to a projected deficit and which the fees and self-generated revenues appropriated for higher education from tuition are greater than the appropriation of such funds in the prior fiscal year, state funding for higher education may not be reduced by more than 5% of the amount of the increase.

Provides for submission of the proposed amendment to the voters at the statewide election to be held Nov. 4, 2014.

Effective July 1, 2016.

(Amends Const. Art. VIII, §12)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Appropriations to the original bill.

1. Deleted mandatory fee amounts from inclusion in the amount required to trigger the nonsupplant requirements.
2. Added an exception for a decrease of state funds up to 5% of the tuition increase if there is a projected deficit in the year prior to the increase in tuition.

3. Added an effective date.

Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Civil Law and Procedure to the engrossed bill.

1. Changed the ballot language to provide a more detailed explanation of the proposed constitutional amendment.