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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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BILL NUMBER: SB 180

NOTE PREPARED: Apr 8, 2013

BILL AMENDED: Apr 1, 2013

SUBJECT: Higher Education Grading Practices and Faculty Organization.

FIRST AUTHOR: Sen. Banks

FIRST SPONSOR: Rep. Karickhoff

BILL STATUS: 2nd Reading - 2nd House

FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
 DEDICATED
 FEDERAL

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: (Amended) This bill requires the annual salaries of employees of state educational institutions to be posted on the Office of Management and Budget's governmental transparency Internet web site.

The bill requires the Commission for Higher Education (Commission) to compile information from each campus of each state educational institution concerning faculty organizational structure and grading practices for the campus. It requires the information to be made available to the public. The bill requires the Commission to make an annual report to the General Assembly of certain information concerning each state educational institution.

The bill provides that, before November 1, 2014, the Commission, in consultation with the Office of Management and Budget and each state educational institution, shall prepare and submit a report to the General Assembly in an electronic format under IC 5-14-6 that analyzes each state educational institution's expenses for the state fiscal years beginning in 2012 and 2013.

Effective Date: July 1, 2013.

Explanation of State Expenditures: (Revised) The requirement that the annual salaries of employees of state educational institutions to be posted on the Office of Management and Budget's governmental transparency Internet web site could have some minor fiscal impact. The main cost would be designing the website specifically for this salary data.

(Revised) The bill requires the Commission for Higher Education, in collaboration with each state educational institution's institutional research or strategic planning department, to develop a report that includes:

1. Faculty activities related to the mission of the state educational institution, including teaching, course grading practices, research, scholarship, outreach, and professional services.
2. Average and median faculty and administrator salaries.
3. Median grade point average for all students for the fall and spring semesters.
4. Median grade point averages for all graduating seniors.
5. Other information the Commission considers necessary.

The information must include undergraduate student information and faculty data by academic department, college, or university.

(Revised) The Commission in consultation with the Office of Management and Budget and each state educational institution, is required to submit a report to the General Assembly analyzes each state educational institution's expenses for the state fiscal years beginning in 2012 and 2013. The report would include the total expenditures for:

1. Overhead and operational expenditures.
2. Instructional expenses.
3. Capital or other expenses.

The Commission and state educational institutions could incur some additional expenses related to collecting and compiling the required information, but the cost is probably minor. The additional costs would probably be a one-time cost for computer programming to extract the data in the format required by the Commission.

Any additional expenses incurred by the Commission or state educational institutions would be paid from their current revenue streams.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

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State Agencies Affected: Commission for Higher Education; state educational institutions.

Local Agencies Affected:

Information Sources:

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