

COMMISSION FOR HIGHER EDUCATION

Friday December 10, 2010

DISCUSSION ITEM C: Financial Aid Study: Next Steps

Staff Recommendation For discussion only.

Background Included in the 2009 Budget Bill (HEA 1001-2009ss, SECTION 489) is the following provision:

The commission for higher education with the assistance of the state student assistance commission shall study the funding of college scholarship programs provided by the state student assistance commission and the state's public universities.

On August 13, 2010, CHE and SSACI staff presented the completed study to the Commission for Higher Education. The staff sought approval of the Commission before presenting the study to the State Budget Committee. The Commission requested more time to examine the study and its findings. A special Commission meeting was scheduled for the following week.

On August 20, 2010, the Commission for Higher Education approved the study on the Funding of Indiana's College Scholarship Programs: A Study Conducted Jointly by the Indiana Commission for Higher Education and the State Student Assistance Commission of Indiana. The study was subsequently presented to the State Budget Committee during their September 8th, 2010, meeting.

CHE and SSACI staff will provide an update on anticipated next steps in terms of the Financial Aid Study.

Supporting Documents None.