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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT



SPONSOR: Martinez DATE TYPED: 02/07/02 HB 351

SHORT TITLE: Basic Rights for College Students SB _____

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APPROPRIATION

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY02	FY03	FY02	FY03		
		\$0.1	Indeterminate	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Commission on Higher Education (CHE)
State Department of Public Education (SDE)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 351 enacts a new section of Chapter 21, Article 1, to establish statutory rights for students attending post-secondary educational institutions.

Significant Issues

This bill proposes basic rights for students as follows:

- ◆ Right to work diligently toward graduation and not be kept from graduation in a timely manner because an institution fails to provide a scheduled class;
- ◆ The student governing body for each institution must consent to the use of student fees;
- ◆ Students must be provided with adequate notice of all meetings concerning policies at an institution;
- ◆ Students must be represented on all institutional committees that impact policies; and
- ◆ An institution shall not discriminate against students based on race, ethnicity, gender, religion, age or sexual orientation.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

According to CHE, costs to post-secondary institutions to implement this bill are indeterminate.

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

CHE indicates that each institution publishes a catalog that outlines the rights and responsibilities of both the institution and student.

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