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AGENCY BILL ANALYSIS - 2026 REGULAR SESSION

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SECTION I: GENERAL INFORMATION

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Bill Number: HB117 Original Correction
Amendment Substitute

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SECTION II: FISCAL IMPACT

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY27	FY28		

(Parenthesis () indicate expenditure decreases)

REVENUE (dollars in thousands)

Estimated Revenue			Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY27	FY28	FY29		

(Parenthesis () indicate revenue decreases)

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY27	FY28	FY29	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
Implementation costs	\$3.0			\$3.0	Non- Recurring	General Fund
Administrative costs	\$8.1	\$8.1	\$8.1	\$24.3	Recurring	General Fund
Total	\$11.1	\$8.1	\$8.1	\$27.3		

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Duplicates/Conflicts with/Companion to/Relates to:
 Duplicates/Relates to Appropriation in the General Appropriation Act

SECTION III: NARRATIVE

BILL SUMMARY

Synopsis:

- Relating to data collection;
- Requiring institutions of higher education to collect and report to the higher education department demographic data pertaining to the educational attainment of students' parents, guardians or fictive kin;
- Providing for the release of aggregated data for several uses.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

There will be a combination of one-time and recurring fiscal impacts.

- One-time fiscal impact will be for implementation, testing, and integration into the university's database and reporting systems. This involves several offices (e.g., Admission, IT, Graduate Studies, Institutional Research) that with approximately 20 hours of work. Most of the work would be outsourced via existing contracts with vendors, therefore assumed rate of \$150/hr. Periodic one-time funding may be needed to assist with ensuring reporting systems continue to work seamlessly when software is upgraded.
- The recurring fiscal impact is difficult to predict as it is unclear the level of reporting that will be requested. Recurring requests may involve a review of the data quality, training (e.g., university personnel, prospective students and their families), compilation and aggregation of data, its analysis, as well as the reporting and visualization of the data. Consequently, it is estimated this will involve at least three weeks of personnel time in the offices of Graduate Studies, Admission, and Institutional Research. The estimated fiscal impact is \$8.1k per year and \$24.3k over three years, based on an assumption of 8% of an FTE with an annual salary of \$100k and 40% benefits.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

While this information may prove informative, there are several concerns regarding implementation:

- Limited staffing in the Institutional Research and IT offices may affect data collection capacity and the timeliness of reporting.

- While data can be collected, its usefulness may be constrained by inconsistent data quality, low response rates, and concerns about how the data would be used.
- The collection of such data may result in additional requests for reports and/or IPRA requests.

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

- The bill does not define “educational attainment” categories (e.g., no high school, some college, bachelor’s).
- This may require HED rulemaking or guidance to ensure comparability.
- Without uniform data definitions, cross-institutional comparisons could be limited initially.
- Institutions may need to explain why the data is being collected to avoid confusion or mistrust.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

- This proposal would likely add an additional reporting obligation to offices that are currently operating with limited capacity. Implementation may require additional coordination, as hiring qualified part-time analysts may be difficult. Additionally, outsourcing reporting functions would likely have higher costs along with concerns about data privacy. These factors may affect the timeliness of compliance.

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP

TECHNICAL ISSUES

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

ALTERNATIVES

WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL

AMENDMENTS