

HB 1390 -- FUNDING INCREASES FOR HIGHER EDUCATION

SPONSOR: Thomson

This bill establishes procedures for directing the allocation of additional core funding over the fiscal year 2015 level for public higher education institutions.

COMMUNITY COLLEGES (Section 163.191, RSMo)

In addition to technical changes, the bill requires that beginning with fiscal year 2016, at least 90% of any increase in core funding over the previous fiscal year will be distributed in accordance with performance funding measures. Existing reporting requirements are revised to add the Governor and the Joint Committee on Education as recipients of the required quadrennial evaluation of the resource allocation model, beginning in 2019.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES (Section 173.1006)

The bill replaces a reference to earlier performance measures with the performance measures that were developed subsequently. Each institution has selected five measures. The Coordinating Board for Higher Education must evaluate and revise the measures every three years, beginning in 2019, and the Department of Higher Education will evaluate the measures' effect on postsecondary and higher education goals and workforce goals and will submit a report to the Governor, Joint Committee on Education, Speaker of the House of Representatives, and President Pro Tem of the Senate every four years beginning in 2019.

FOUR-YEAR INSTITUTIONS (Section 173.1540)

Each year, a public four-year institution must prepare a budget request that is submitted to the Department of Higher Education for review and recommendations for appropriations. The four-year institutions must cooperatively develop and revise an increase allocation model which the department must present to the coordinating board for higher education (CBHE) for approval by October 31, 2014. The core funding base level will be the 2015 fiscal year, and increases will be incorporated into the base starting with fiscal year 2016. No more than 10% of any increase over the base will be distributed through any combination of full-time equivalency or other agreed-upon basis to address inequity and weighted full-time equivalent credit hours to provide enrollment, program offerings, and mission sensitivity. A quadrennial report on the effectiveness of the increase allocation model is required.

STATE TECHNICAL COLLEGE (Section 178.638)

The State Technical College is subject to the same 90% increase allocation as the community colleges and four-year institutions starting in fiscal year 2016.