

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH  
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**FISCAL NOTE**

L.R. No.: 1489H.011  
Bill No.: HB 442  
Subject: Higher Education; Department of Higher Education and Workforce Development  
Type: Original  
Date: January 8, 2025

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Bill Summary: This proposal establishes the "College Admission and Financial Aid Letter Consistency Task Force".

**FISCAL SUMMARY**

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND</b>			
<b>FUND AFFECTED</b>	<b>FY 2026</b>	<b>FY 2027</b>	<b>FY 2028</b>
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS</b>			
<b>FUND AFFECTED</b>	<b>FY 2026</b>	<b>FY 2027</b>	<b>FY 2028</b>
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>Other</u> State Funds</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

Numbers within parentheses: () indicate costs or losses.

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS</b>			
<b>FUND AFFECTED</b>	<b>FY 2026</b>	<b>FY 2027</b>	<b>FY 2028</b>
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FULL TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE)</b>			
<b>FUND AFFECTED</b>	<b>FY 2026</b>	<b>FY 2027</b>	<b>FY 2028</b>
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on FTE</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

- Estimated Net Effect (expenditures or reduced revenues) expected to exceed \$250,000 in any of the three fiscal years after implementation of the act or at full implementation of the act.
- Estimated Net Effect (savings or increased revenues) expected to exceed \$250,000 in any of the three fiscal years after implementation of the act or at full implementation of the act.

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS</b>			
<b>FUND AFFECTED</b>	<b>FY 2026</b>	<b>FY 2027</b>	<b>FY 2028</b>
<b>Local Government</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

## FISCAL ANALYSIS

### ASSUMPTION

#### §173.057 – College Admission and Financial Aid Letter Consistency Task Force

Officials from the **Department of Higher Education and Workforce Development (DHEWD)**, the **University of Missouri System**, the **University of Central Missouri (UCM)**, the **House of Representatives**, and the **Missouri Senate** each assume the proposal will have no fiscal impact on their respective organizations.

**Oversight** notes Section 173.057.4 states “Members of the task force shall serve without compensation but may, subject to appropriation, be reimbursed for actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of official duties as members of the task force.” Upon further inquiry, **DHEWD** stated that the department anticipates being able to absorb the costs related to this proposal.

In response to similar legislation, HB 2637 (2024), officials from **Northwest Missouri State University (NWMSU)** stated NWMSU is already governed by the National Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators (NASFAA) – paying for college transparency. NWMSU provides aid letters – not award letters. This proposal would cause extra work in multiple areas, significant technology revisions/updates, and potential delays in student acceptance.

In response to similar legislation, HB 2637 (2024), officials from the **UCM** stated this proposal would have an indeterminate fiscal impact on their organization. There is a possibility for increased costs due to reporting requirements UCM may have in order to assist the task force.

**Oversight** has no information to the contrary. However, Oversight notes the provisions of the proposal simply provide that a task force is to be established. The task force is to develop standardized forms for use by colleges and universities and submit a report, with recommendations, by January 1, 2026. The task force is to dissolve upon submission of the report. Oversight assumes colleges and universities will not experience a fiscal impact as a result of the creation of the task force. Any impact would depend on the findings and recommendations put forth by the task force and later adopted.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT – State Government</u>	FY 2026 (10 Mo.)	FY 2027	FY 2028
	<b><u>\$0</u></b>	<b><u>\$0</u></b>	<b><u>\$0</u></b>

<u>FISCAL IMPACT – Local Government</u>	FY 2026 (10 Mo.)	FY 2027	FY 2028
	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

FISCAL IMPACT – Small Business

No direct fiscal impact to small businesses would be expected as a result of this proposal.

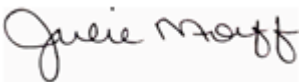
FISCAL DESCRIPTION

The proposed legislation appears to have no direct fiscal impact.

This legislation is not federally mandated, would not duplicate any other program and would not require additional capital improvements or rental space.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Department of Higher Education and Workforce Development  
University of Missouri System  
University of Central Missouri  
Northwest Missouri State University  
Missouri House of Representatives  
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