

THE STATE SCHOOL AID ACT OF 1979 (EXCERPT)
Act 94 of 1979

388.1865 Performance funding; payment conditions; limitation on tuition and fee rates; certification; definitions; uniform reporting requirements; universities exceeding tuition and fee rate cap.

Sec. 265. (1) Payments under section 265a for performance funding shall only be made to a public university that certifies to the state budget director by August 31, 2016 that its board did not adopt an increase in tuition and fee rates for resident undergraduate students after September 1, 2015 for the 2015-2016 academic year and that its board will not adopt an increase in tuition and fee rates for resident undergraduate students for the 2016-2017 academic year that is greater than 4.2%. As used in this subsection:

(a) "Fee" means any board-authorized fee that will be paid by more than 1/2 of all resident undergraduate students at least once during their enrollment at a public university, as described in the higher education institutional data inventory (HEIDI) user manual. A university increasing a fee that applies to a specific subset of students or courses shall provide sufficient information to prove that the increase applied to that subset will not cause the increase in the average amount of board-authorized total tuition and fees paid by resident undergraduate students in the 2016-2017 academic year to exceed the limit established in this subsection.

(b) "Tuition and fee rate" means the average of full-time rates paid by a majority of students in each undergraduate class, based on an unweighted average of the rates authorized by the university board and actually charged to students, deducting any uniformly rebated or refunded amounts, for the 2 semesters with the highest levels of full-time equated resident undergraduate enrollment during the academic year, as described in the higher education institutional data inventory (HEIDI) user manual.

(c) For purposes of subdivision (a), for a public university that compels resident undergraduate students to be covered by health insurance as a condition to enroll at the university, "fee" includes the annual amount a student is charged for coverage by the university-affiliated group health insurance policy if he or she does not provide proof that he or she is otherwise covered by health insurance. This subdivision does not apply to limited subsets of resident undergraduate students to be covered by health insurance for specific reasons other than general enrollment at the university.

(2) The state budget director shall implement uniform reporting requirements to ensure that a public university receiving a payment under section 265a for performance funding has satisfied the tuition restraint requirements of this section. The state budget director shall have the sole authority to determine if a public university has met the requirements of this section. Information reported by a public university to the state budget director under this subsection shall also be reported to the house and senate appropriations subcommittees on higher education and the house and senate fiscal agencies.

(3) Universities that exceed the tuition and fee rate cap described in subsection (1) shall not receive a planning or construction authorization for a state-funded capital outlay project in fiscal year 2017-2018 or fiscal year 2018-2019.

(4) Notwithstanding any other provision of this act, the legislature may at any time adjust appropriations for a university that adopts an increase in tuition and fee rates for resident undergraduate students that exceeds the rate cap established in subsection (1).

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