

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH  
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**FISCAL NOTE**

L.R. No.: 4322-01  
Bill No.: Perfected HB 1679  
Subject: Higher Education  
Type: Original  
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Bill Summary: This proposal prohibits public institutions of higher education from requiring students to purchase a meal plan when a student presents medical documentation of a food allergy or sensitivity, or a medical dietary issue.

**FISCAL SUMMARY**

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND</b>			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021
<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>			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021
College & University Funds	\$0	(Unknown)	(Unknown)
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on Other State Funds</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>(Unknown)</b>	<b>(Unknown)</b>

Numbers within parentheses: ( ) indicate costs or losses.  
This fiscal note contains 5 pages.

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS</b>			
<b>FUND AFFECTED</b>	<b>FY 2019</b>	<b>FY 2020</b>	<b>FY 2021</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 2019</b>	<b>FY 2020</b>	<b>FY 2021</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 \$100,000 in any of the three fiscal years after implementation of the act.

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS</b>			
<b>FUND AFFECTED</b>	<b>FY 2019</b>	<b>FY 2020</b>	<b>FY 2021</b>
<b>Local Government</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

## FISCAL ANALYSIS

### ASSUMPTION

Officials from the **State Technical College of Missouri** assume this proposal will have a minimal negative impact.

Officials from the **University of Central Missouri** assume this proposal would have a negative impact on the university as follows:

	10 Students	50 Students	100 Students	150 Students	200 Students
Board (\$1,571 per Semester)	\$15,710	\$78,500	\$157,100	\$235,650	\$314,200
<b>Total Loss per Year</b>	<b>\$31,420</b>	<b>\$157,000</b>	<b>\$314,200</b>	<b>\$471,300</b>	<b>\$628,400</b>

Officials from **University of Missouri System** assume there is no negative fiscal impact on the university.

Officials from the **Missouri Western State University** assume this proposal will not have a fiscal impact on the university. The university has a similar policy in place for students with dietary concerns.

Officials from the **Department of Higher Education** and **Missouri State University** each assume there is no fiscal impact from this proposal to their respective organizations.

**Oversight** notes this proposal would prohibit public institutions of higher education from requiring a student to purchase a meal plan when the student has presented medical documentation of a medical dietary issue.

**Oversight** estimates the number of students enrolled in public institutions of higher education with food allergies to be 12,349 based on information from the Center for Disease Control (4%-6% of persons are affected by food allergies) and the Department of Higher Education (246,979 public higher education students). If 25% (3,087) of those students are freshmen required to have a meal plan, and assuming 10% (308) would choose to opt out of the meal plan requirement, Oversight estimates the loss of revenue to colleges and universities at \$967,736 (308 \* \$3,142) using the board rate provided by University of Central Missouri.

ASSUMPTION (continued)

However, **Oversight** is unable to determine how many students are affected by food allergies and currently are not able to opt out of their food plan but would opt out of the meal plan requirement after passage of this bill. Oversight will show the loss of revenue as unknown.

Officials at the following colleges: Crowder, East Central Community College, Harris-Stowe, Jefferson College, Lincoln University, Metropolitan Community College, Moberly Area Community College, Missouri Southern State University, Northwest Missouri State University, Southeast Missouri State University, State Fair Community College, St. Charles Community College, St. Louis Community College, Three Rivers Community College and Truman State University did not respond to **Oversight's** request for fiscal impact.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2019 (10 Mo.)	FY 2020	FY 2021
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**COLLEGE & UNIVERSITY FUNDS**

<u>Loss - of revenue from meal plans</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>(Unknown)</u>	<u>(Unknown)</u>
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<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON COLLEGE &amp; UNIVERSITY FUNDS</b>	<b><u>\$0</u></b>	<b><u>(Unknown)</u></b>	<b><u>(Unknown)</u></b>
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<u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u>	FY 2019 (10 Mo.)	FY 2020	FY 2021
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FISCAL IMPACT - Small Business

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

FISCAL DESCRIPTION

After July 1, 2019, this bill will prohibit any public institution of higher education in Missouri from requiring any student to purchase meal plans or require students to dine at on-campus facilities when a student has presented medical documentation of a food allergy or sensitivity, or a medical dietary issue, to the institution.

FISCAL DESCRIPTION (continued)

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

State Technical College of Missouri  
University of Central Missouri  
University of Missouri System  
Missouri Western State University  
Department of Higher Education  
Missouri State University

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