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FISCAL NOTE

FISCAL IMPACT: State Local Statutory Public Entity Conditional No Fiscal Impact

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BILL TOPIC: HIGHER EDUCATION BEHAVIOR POLICIES

Fiscal Impact Summary	FY 2017-2018	FY 2018-2019
State Revenue		
State Expenditures	Workload increase.	
Appropriation Required: None.		
Future Year Impacts: Ongoing workload increase.		

Summary of Legislation

This bill requires the governing board of each public or private institution of higher education that participates in the College Opportunity Fund to adopt a policy on sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, stalking, and hate crimes on or before August 1, 2018. Policies must define prohibited behaviors and outline the protocols for reporting and responding to reports. Protocols must include the rights of victims, those who report such activity, and those accused, as well as sanctions for violations. For students found responsible for one of these crimes, the institution must note on his or her transcript that the student was suspended or expelled after violating the policy. Policies must create a process for requesting removal of a notation and an appeal if the request is denied. Each institution of higher education must make the policies available to students and faculty in student and personnel handbooks and on a dedicated webpage on the institution's website. Beginning on or before August 1, 2020, institutions must review these policies every two years and revise them, as necessary.

State Expenditures

Beginning in FY 2017,18, this bill increases workload for institutions of higher education to comply with the provisions of the bill. It may also increase costs related to making transcript notations. This increase in workload and potential costs is expected to be minimal and can be accomplished within existing appropriations.

Effective Date

The bill takes effect August 9, 2017, if the General Assembly adjourns on May 10, 2017, as scheduled, and no referendum petition is filed.

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