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Fiscal Note

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Bill Topic: COLLEGE ADMISSION USE OF NATIONAL TEST SCORE

Summary of Fiscal Impact: **No Fiscal Impact.** The bill permanently allows institutions of higher education to forego a national assessment test score as an eligibility criterion of admission standards for first-time resident freshman students. This bill does not affect the revenues or expenditures of any state or local agency.

Appropriation Summary: No appropriation is required.

Fiscal Note Status: This fiscal note reflects the introduced bill.

Summary of Legislation

Under current law, institutions of higher education must require a national assessment test score as one of the criteria used to determine eligibility for admission of first-time freshman students; however, House Bill 20-1407 allowed institutions to forego this criterion for high school students graduating in 2021 only. This bill removes the requirement permanently, making these test scores optional for schools to use in admission decisions. Beginning in 2022, institutions must annually inform the Department of Higher Education if the school uses national test scores and if available, specified data about the incoming freshman cohort. The department must report this information to the education committees of the General Assembly.

Assessment of No Fiscal Impact

The bill does not impact the revenue or expenditures of any state agency, local government, or institution of higher education. The data reporting requirements in the bill duplicate existing collection and reporting requirements in current practice and do not represent additional workload for schools or the department. For these reasons, the bill is assessed as having no fiscal impact.

Effective Date

The bill takes effect upon signature of the Governor, or upon becoming law without his signature.

State and Local Government Contacts

Higher Education