

SB 6156 - DIGEST

Provides economically responsible solutions for higher education funding and access by: (1) Establishing a surcharge that results in students at institutions of higher education paying the equivalent of the full cost of instruction for students not on track to complete their course of study in a timely fashion;

(2) Lowering the percent of operating fees that may be waived by each institution of higher education. This revision expires July 1, 2011;

(3) Requiring tracking student demand for specified science programs and adding private colleges and universities to the entities to be included in tracking and reporting information;

(4) Authorizing contracting with private colleges and universities to meet the demand for courses in the specified science fields;

(5) Limiting the percentage of nonresident undergraduate students at institutions of higher education for fiscal years 2010 and 2011;

(6) Establishing a minimum tuition amount for adult education at community and technical colleges for fiscal years 2010 and 2011;

(7) Requiring institutions of higher education, within available funds, to use common online technologies; and

(8) Authorizing the governing boards of state colleges and universities to establish a surcharge for courses determined to be significantly more expensive to offer.