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Bill Number:	S. 0138	Amended by the Senate on March 8, 2023
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Subject:	LIFE Scholarship Eligibility	
Requestor:	Senate	
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Impact Date:	April 20, 2023	

Fiscal Impact Summary

This bill as amended provides that a grade in a dual enrollment class may not prevent a student from retaining their LIFE scholarship for their second year at a college or university in the state, beginning with the 2023 high school graduating class.

This bill as amended will have no expenditure impact on the Commission on Higher Education (CHE) or the State Board for Technical and Comprehensive Education (Tech Board), as compliance with this specification will be managed using existing resources.

This bill will have an undetermined impact on LIFE Scholarship disbursements, depending upon the frequency that currently eligible students become ineligible due to a grade in a dual enrollment class. According to CHE, there were 6,970 students taking dual enrollment courses at non-technical colleges in the Fall of 2022. According to the Tech Board, there were 14,113 students taking dual enrollment courses at technical colleges in the Fall of 2022.

Explanation of Fiscal Impact

Amended by the Senate on March 8, 2023

State Expenditure

This bill as amended provides that a grade in a dual enrollment class may not prevent a student from retaining their LIFE scholarship for their second year at a college or university in the state, beginning with the 2023 high school graduating class. CHE and the Tech Board indicated that this is not expected to have an expenditure impact on the agencies, as compliance with this specification will be managed using existing resources.

This bill may impact LIFE Scholarship disbursements, depending upon the frequency that currently eligible students become ineligible due to a grade in a dual enrollment class. According to CHE, there were 6,970 students taking dual enrollment courses at non-technical colleges in the Fall of 2022. According to the Tech Board, there were 14,113 students taking dual enrollment courses at technical colleges in the Fall of 2022. It is unknown how many of these students that were previously eligible for the LIFE Scholarship would become ineligible due to a grade in a dual enrollment course, and therefore, the impact on LIFE Scholarship disbursements is undetermined.

State Revenue

N/A

Local Expenditure

N/A

Local Revenue

N/A

Introduced on January 10, 2023

State Expenditure

This bill specifies that students who become eligible for the LIFE Scholarship may not subsequently become ineligible for retention of the scholarship based on a grade in a dual enrollment class. CHE and the Tech Board indicate that this is not expected to have an expenditure impact on the agencies, as compliance with this specification will be managed using existing resources.

This bill may impact LIFE Scholarship disbursements, depending upon the frequency that currently eligible students become ineligible due to a grade in a dual enrollment class. According to CHE, there were 6,970 students taking dual enrollment courses at non-technical colleges in the Fall of 2022. It is unknown how many of these students that were previously eligible for the LIFE Scholarship would become ineligible due to a grade in a dual enrollment course, and therefore, the impact on LIFE Scholarship disbursements is unknown. We have requested dual enrollment information for state technical colleges from the Tech Board and will update this impact statement when the information is available.

State Revenue

N/A

Local Expenditure

N/A

Local Revenue

N/A



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