

Fiscal Impact Statement

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BILL: HB2125, As originally introduced
SPONSOR: Hammer

SUBTITLE:

TO REDUCE THE COST OF REMEDIAL COURSES PAID FROM THE ARKANSAS ACADEMIC CHALLENGE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM - PART 2; TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL FUNDS FOR NONTRADITIONAL STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS.

TOPIC

√ Student Remedial Courses

AFFECTED FUNDS

General Revenue*

REVENUE IMPACT

√ Potential to various School Districts*

Potential to various Institutions' of Higher Education*

ASSUMPTIONS - BASED ON:

√ This bill states that any student receiving Lottery Scholarship funds would not be allowed to utilize the funds for remedial courses.

√ This bill requires that any remedial course be paid:

1/3 of the course tuition by the high school from which they graduated

1/3 of the course tuition by the student, and

1/3 of the course tuition by the institution they are attending.

This bill would have a significant cost on any district based on the number of students graduating who require remedial courses and will vary based on the institution that the student chooses to attend

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ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

- √ The number of students who require remediation will vary from year to year, and those obtaining lottery scholarship will vary; therefore assessing the impact to school districts would change each year and cannot be determined.
- √ In 2012, 11,108 college freshmen required remediation; while there were 2,882 college freshmen who receive lottery scholarship requiring remediation.