



2024 Higher Education Legislative Agenda

HB22-1349 State Spending Authority

A spending authority extension from June 2024 to December 2026 to continue the variety of tasks in 1349 related to improving data management, security, and bolstering postsecondary student success – and further support efforts needed to deliver a statewide longitudinal data system that connects K-12, postsecondary education, and workforce information.

Updates to the Student Bill of Rights

Updates the Student Bill of Rights, which was created in statute in 2001 and has not since been updated. Proposed updates include improved information for students and families on the costs of attendance, opportunities for seamless movement from applied associate degrees - which includes career and technical programs - to 2-year and 4-year programs, and the right to timely notice and transparency regarding the transferability of credits.

Funding for Students Experiencing Homelessness

Expands on the FosterEd program created through SB22-008 by creating a “last-dollar” award program to cover the full cost of attendance for students who experienced homelessness in high school.

Technical Change to “Regional Accreditation”

Removes statutory references to “regional” accreditation of postsecondary institutions and replaces this term with “institutional” accreditation - in alignment with the U.S. Department of Education’s move to eliminate the distinction between regional and national accrediting agencies and create one unified set of “institutional” accreditors in February 2020.

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