Overview

This bill compiles several biennial budget initiatives of the Higher Education Services Office:

It reduces the share of the cost of attendance that, in calculating state grants, is considered to be the student's responsibility. The student share was 50% from the inception of the program until the 1998-99 academic year when it was lowered to 47%. The bill reduces that percentage to 45%, thereby increasing the government share to 55%.

Additionally, the bill increases the maximum child care award and broadens eligibility for child care grants to MFIP recipients and to students attending private for-profit trade schools.

The bill also establishes, through the state work study program, a "college corps" in which college students work for HESO helping 7th and 8th graders prepare for post-secondary education.


2 Student share. Reduces the student share of the cost of attendance in state grant calculations from 47% to 45%.

-535 Child care grants. Removes restriction that child care grant recipients cannot be AFDC or MFIP recipients. Makes private, for-profit trade schools eligible institutions for the purpose of child care grants. Increases the maximum annual child care grant from $2000 to $2100 per child.

6 College Corps. Establishes a college corps component through the work study program in which college students employed by HESO would work with 7th and 8th graders to help them prepare for post-secondary education.