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**SB17-128**

**FINAL  
FISCAL NOTE**

**FISCAL IMPACT:**  State  Local  Statutory Public Entity  Conditional  No Fiscal Impact

**Drafting Number:** LLS 17-0664  
**Prime Sponsor(s):** Sen. Fields  
 Rep. Bridges

**Date:** July 27, 2017  
**Bill Status:** Postponed Indefinitely  
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**BILL TOPIC:** HIGHER EDUCATION BEHAVIOR POLICIES

Fiscal Impact Summary	FY 2017-2018	FY 2018-2019
State Revenue		
State Expenditures	Workload increase.	
<b>Appropriation Required:</b> None.		
<b>Future Year Impacts:</b> Ongoing workload increase.		

**NOTE: This bill was not enacted into law; therefore, the impacts identified in this analysis do not take effect.**

**Summary of Legislation**

This bill requires the governing board of each public or private institution of higher education that participates in the College Opportunity Fund to adopt a policy on sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, stalking, and hate crimes on or before August 1, 2018. Policies must define prohibited behaviors and outline the protocols for reporting and responding to reports. Protocols must include the rights of victims, those who report such activity, and those accused, as well as sanctions for violations. For students found responsible for one of these crimes, the institution must note on his or her transcript that the student was suspended or expelled after violating the policy. Policies must create a process for requesting removal of a notation and an appeal if the request is denied. Each institution of higher education must make the policies available to students and faculty in student and personnel handbooks and on a dedicated webpage on the institution's website. Beginning on or before August 1, 2020, institutions must review these policies every two years and revise them, as necessary.

**State Expenditures**

Beginning in FY 2017, 18, this bill increases workload for institutions of higher education to comply with the provisions of the bill. It may also increase costs related to making transcript notations. This increase in workload and potential costs is expected to be minimal and can be accomplished within existing appropriations.

**Effective Date**

The bill was postponed indefinitely by the Senate State, Veterans, and Military Affairs Committee on February 15, 2017.

**State and Local Government Contacts**

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