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**2020 Bill Watch for Student Services**

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| **Bill** | **Description** | **Position** | **Notes/Status** |
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| HB 1084 | **Higher Education Athlete Compensation:** Athletes can be compensated for use of their image and can retain agents | Concerns | Current amended version excludes community colleges from the bill |
| HB 2289 | **Tuition Transparency:** requires colleges to provide “predictive cost estimates” to degree-seeking students | Neutral |  |
| HB 2327 | **Campus Climate Assessment**: Requires sexual violence campus climate survey and report every 5 years; WSAC to design the assessment, SBCTC to administer | Support/Concerns | When last conducted, the response rate was extremely low and SBCTC did not devote adequate staffing and other resources to manage it |
| HB 2513 | **Debt Collection**: prohibits withholding of transcripts for student debts | Concerns  | Our suggested amendments to set a dollar limit and exclude state property (computers, e.g.) from the prohibition have not been accepted. Substitute bill under consideration: An institution may not withhold an official transcript if the transcript is requested for a job application, transfer to another institution, or financial aid application. |
| HB 2523 | **Financial Aid Template:** WSAC develops a financial aid calculator/tool; all higher education institutions must use a standardized template for aid award packages; financial aid advising day at all high schools in fall terms | Concerns | Financial aid advising day would require significant involvement of college financial aid staff, among other concerns  |
| HB 2551 | **Tribal Regalia**: Would allow students with Native American tribal affiliations to wear tribal regalia at ceremonies, including graduation | Neutral |  |
| HB 2589 | **Suicide Prevention:** newly issued or re-issued student and employee ID cards will need to list both a national and a second (probably local) suicide prevention hotline | Support | Our colleges implemented this per an Operating Budget bill requirement in 2019, however only one hotline was required |
| HB 2801 | **Undocumented Student Support**: creates undocumented student support loan program | Neutral |  |
| SB6140 | **Debt Collection:** prohibits withholding of transcripts for student debts | Concerns | Companion Bill to HB 2513 |
| SB 6141 | **Financial Aid Template** | Concerns | Companion Bill to HB 2523 |
| SB 6424 | **College Bound Scholars, Housing**: requires that CBS recipients be provided with free housing if available | Support/Concerns | Contracts with third-party housing providers would need to be re-negotiated if law applies to them |
| SB 6439 | **Campus Climate Assessment** | Support/Concerns | Companion Bill to HB 2327 |
| SB 6449 | **Suicide Prevention** | Support | Companion Bill to HB 2589 |
| SB 6505 | **Dual Credit Direct Costs**: makes dual credit programs free/no cost to students, regardless of financial need | Concerns | Large fiscal impact to colleges if bill passes in current form; student financial need not factored in |
| SB 6561 | **Undocumented Student Support** | Neutral | Companion Bill to HB 2801 |
| SB 6607 | **Tribal Regalia** | Neutral | Companion Bill to HB 2551 |