

SENATE BILL REPORT

HB 1321

As Reported By Senate Committee On:
Higher Education, March 21, 1995

Title: An act relating to the tuition recovery trust fund.

Brief Description: Correcting citations to the tuition recovery trust fund.

Sponsors: Representatives Mulliken, Mason, Goldsmith and Carlson; by request of Higher Education Coordinating Board.

Brief History:

Committee Activity: Higher Education: 3/16/95, 3/21/95 [DP].

SENATE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER EDUCATION

Majority Report: Do pass.

Signed by Senators Bauer, Chair; Kohl, Vice Chair; McAuliffe, Prince, Sheldon, West and Wood.

Staff: Jean Six (786-7423)

Background: Since 1979, the Legislature has encouraged fair business practices and high quality in private postsecondary education. In 1986, the Legislature amended statute to assist students in evaluating private vocational school programs and obtaining refunds in the event of their withdrawal or school cancellation or closure. In 1987, legislation was implemented authorizing the establishment of a tuition recovery fund for the benefit and protection of students of private, nondegree-granting vocational schools.

In 1994, the Legislature created a separate account within the tuition recovery fund to cover degree-granting private vocational schools. The current law incorrectly references the citation for the tuition recovery fund.

Summary of Bill: Internal references to the tuition recovery fund are corrected.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Available.

Effective Date: The bill contains an emergency clause and takes effect immediately.

Testimony For: Please make the technical correction so that we can access the tuition recovery fund.

Testimony Against: None.

Testified: Susan Patrick, HECB.