

Individual State Agency Fiscal Note

Bill Number: 5711 SB	Title: College grant eligibility	Agency: 340-Student Achievement Council
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Part I: Estimates

No Fiscal Impact

Estimated Cash Receipts to:

NONE

Estimated Operating Expenditures from:

	FY 2024	FY 2025	2023-25	2025-27	2027-29
Account					
General Fund-State 001-1	8,000,000	8,000,000	16,000,000	16,000,000	16,000,000
Total \$	8,000,000	8,000,000	16,000,000	16,000,000	16,000,000

In addition to the estimates above, there are additional indeterminate costs and/or savings. Please see discussion.

Estimated Capital Budget Impact:

NONE

The cash receipts and expenditure estimates on this page represent the most likely fiscal impact. Factors impacting the precision of these estimates, and alternate ranges (if appropriate), are explained in Part II.

Check applicable boxes and follow corresponding instructions:

- If fiscal impact is greater than \$50,000 per fiscal year in the current biennium or in subsequent biennia, complete entire fiscal note form Parts I-V.
- If fiscal impact is less than \$50,000 per fiscal year in the current biennium or in subsequent biennia, complete this page only (Part I).
- Capital budget impact, complete Part IV.
- Requires new rule making, complete Part V.

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Part II: Narrative Explanation

II. A - Brief Description Of What The Measure Does That Has Fiscal Impact

Significant provisions of the bill and any related workload or policy assumptions that have revenue or expenditure impact on the responding agency by section number.

SB 5711 extends the maximum period allowed to receive Washington College Grant (WCG) from 125% to 150% of a baccalaureate degree, or 18 full time quarters/12 full time semesters or the equivalent clock hours of full-time eligibility.

The Washington Student Achievement Council (WSAC) administers the WCG program. WCG is a caseload forecasted program.

The overall fiscal impact is indeterminate. Expenditures are dependent on enrollment trends, student persistence, completion rates and sector splits.

II. B - Cash receipts Impact

Cash receipts impact of the legislation on the responding agency with the cash receipts provisions identified by section number and when appropriate, the detail of the revenue sources. Description of the factual basis of the assumptions and the method by which the cash receipts impact is derived. Explanation of how workload assumptions translate into estimates. Distinguished between one time and ongoing functions.

II. C - Expenditures

Agency expenditures necessary to implement this legislation (or savings resulting from this legislation), with the provisions of the legislation that result in the expenditures (or savings) identified by section number. Description of the factual basis of the assumptions and the method by which the expenditure impact is derived. Explanation of how workload assumptions translate into cost estimates. Distinguished between one time and ongoing functions.

The overall expenditures are indeterminate, as they are dependent on:

- Enrollment trends
- Persistence and completion rates
- Sector splits

WSAC does not have completion data, so while we can identify students who are at risk of exhausting their eligibility, we do not know how many are on track to complete within 125% of a baccalaureate degree.

Provided below is information on what is known about the population that is close to exhausting eligibility. Also provided are average WCG awards by sector, based on 2021-22 WCG final interim data.

Number of Students with 1 Year/3 Quarters or Less of WCG Eligibility Remaining, by Sector, by Award Year (AY):

Sector 2020-21 AY

2 Year Private – 7
2 Year Public/CTC - 448
4 Year Private - 304
4 Year Public Regional - 839
4 Year Public Research - 863

Total = 2,461

Sector 2021-22 AY

2 Year Private – 28
 2 Year Public/CTC - 1,246
 4 Year Private – 940
 4 Year Public Regional - 1,398
 4 Year Public Research - 2,318

Total = 5,930

Average WCG 2021-22 AY Award, by Sector

2021-22 AY

2 Year Private - \$1,999
 2 Year Public/CTC- \$2,519
 4 Year Private - \$5,698
 4 Year Public Regional - \$4,815
 4 Year Public Research - \$7,704

If 25 percent of these students needed another three quarters of eligibility to finish, the cost would be approximately \$8 million annually.

This change requires updates to the IT system requirements but there is no administrative fiscal impact, as required changes would be made as part of annual program IT maintenance.

Part III: Expenditure Detail

III. A - Operating Budget Expenditures

Account	Account Title	Type	FY 2024	FY 2025	2023-25	2025-27	2027-29
001-1	General Fund	State	8,000,000	8,000,000	16,000,000	16,000,000	16,000,000
Total \$			8,000,000	8,000,000	16,000,000	16,000,000	16,000,000

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III. B - Expenditures by Object Or Purpose

	FY 2024	FY 2025	2023-25	2025-27	2027-29
FTE Staff Years					
A-Salaries and Wages					
B-Employee Benefits					
C-Professional Service Contracts					
E-Goods and Other Services					
G-Travel					
J-Capital Outlays					
M-Inter Agency/Fund Transfers					
N-Grants, Benefits & Client Services	8,000,000	8,000,000	16,000,000	16,000,000	16,000,000
P-Debt Service					
S-Interagency Reimbursements					
T-Intra-Agency Reimbursements					
9-					
Total \$	8,000,000	8,000,000	16,000,000	16,000,000	16,000,000

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III. C - Operating FTE Detail: *FTEs listed by classification and corresponding annual compensation. Totals agree with total FTEs in Part I and Part IIIA.*

NONE

III. D - Expenditures By Program (optional)

Program	FY 2024	FY 2025	2023-25	2025-27	2027-29
Student Financial Assistance (030)	8,000,000	8,000,000	16,000,000	16,000,000	16,000,000
Total \$	8,000,000	8,000,000	16,000,000	16,000,000	16,000,000

Part IV: Capital Budget Impact

IV. A - Capital Budget Expenditures

NONE

IV. B - Expenditures by Object Or Purpose

NONE

IV. C - Capital Budget Breakout

Acquisition and construction costs not reflected elsewhere on the fiscal note and description of potential financing methods.

NONE

IV. D - Capital FTE Detail: *FTEs listed by classification and corresponding annual compensation. Totals agree with total FTEs in Part IVB.*

NONE

Part V: New Rule Making Required

Provisions of the bill that require the agency to adopt new administrative rules or repeal/revise existing rules.

The Washington Student Achievement Council would need to revise Washington College Grant administrative rules.