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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Nava DATE TYPED 02/18/04 HB _____

SHORT TITLE Lottery Scholarship Enrollment Requirements SB 274

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APPROPRIATION

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY04	FY05	FY04	FY05		
			Indeterminate Increase in Costs (see text)	Recurring	Lottery Tuition Scholarship
			Indeterminate Increase in Costs (see text)	Recurring	Other State Funds

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Relates to HB 109, HB 179, HB 226, HB 426, SB 98, SB 145, SB 274, SB 331

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files
Public Education Department (PED)

No Responses Received

Commission on Higher Education (CHE)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 274 would authorize students to count a course toward full-time enrollment status for purposes of tuition scholarships paid from the lottery tuition fund when an academic program of a technical and vocational institute requires a student to enroll in a course at or through another educational institution.

Significant Issues

The bill would provide students ten days to appeal a CHE denial of a tuition scholarship based on a student's change in full-time enrollment status. If eligibility is denied, the educational insti-

tuition would be required to reimburse the student the complete cost, including tuition, books and fees, of each course for which the student was enrolled. CHE would be required to hear appeals within 20 days.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The bill would result in two components of fiscal impact as noted above; however, the magnitude of these costs is currently indeterminate due to the lack of CHE input on underlying student counts and related data for each component of the cost.

The fiscal components of the bill are as follows:

1. the bill would authorize students to count a course toward full-time enrollment status for purposes of tuition scholarships paid from the lottery tuition fund when an academic program of a technical and vocational institute requires a student to enroll in a course at or through another educational institution; and
2. if CHE denies lottery scholarship eligibility for the student, the educational institution would be required to reimburse the student the cost of tuition, books and fees for each course for which the student was enrolled.

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