



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 1267

PRINTER'S NO. 1376

PRIME SPONSOR: Gallagher

COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2022/23	FY 2023/24
General Fund	\$0	\$0
Tuition Account Guaranteed Savings Program Fund	\$0	\$0

SUMMARY:

House Bill 1267, Printer's Number 1376 amends the Tuition Account Programs and Colleges Savings Bond Act to update various provisions to align with federal law and moves the Keystone Scholars Program from the Fiscal Code into the act.

ANALYSIS:

The bill updates a number of definitions and specifies that contributions to the guaranteed savings program could be used to pay for qualified educational expenses, qualified educational loans, fees books and supplies for a registered apprenticeship program or attendance at an eligible elementary or secondary educational institution. In the case when funds are used to pay for elementary or secondary education, the bill would allow Treasury to pay the eligible educational institution directly.

New language is added to allow Tuition Account Guaranteed Savings Program tuition credits to be converted for payment of expenses at elementary or secondary institutions, to pay education loans, or for registered apprenticeship programs. Treasury will determine the appropriate conversion from credits into cash for payment of these expenses. The bill cleans up references to qualified higher education expenses within the act and replaces with references to qualified education expenses to reflect the expansion of the program beyond only higher education.

Finally, the bill moves the Keystone Scholars Grant Program into the act and repeals its previous authorizing language from Section 312 of the Fiscal Code.

The bill takes effect in 60 days.

FISCAL IMPACT:

This bill will have no fiscal impact. The changes to definitions and the use of the fund for K-12 and apprenticeship costs reflect changes made to federal law that are already in practice. Moving the authorizing language for the Keystone Scholars Program into the act will have no fiscal impact.

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Estimates are calculated using the best information available. Actual costs and revenue impact incurred may vary from estimates.