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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6725

BILL NUMBER: SB 191

NOTE PREPARED: Jan 4, 2024

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Transparency and freedom of expression.

FIRST AUTHOR: Sen. Johnson

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
 DEDICATED
 FEDERAL

IMPACT: Pending

Summary of Legislation: Establishes restrictions on a state educational institution (institution) in regard to the following: (1) A student's or employee's ideological or political viewpoints or refusal to support or endorse one or more divisive concepts. (2) Requiring a student to submit or affirm a personal diversity statement. (3) Conducting any mandatory training that includes divisive concepts or taking other specified actions related to divisive concepts. (4) Exhibiting bias against or favoritism for certain individuals or groups of individuals. (5) Requiring a student group to pay fees or security deposits that are not charged to all other student groups or denying a student group access to institution property that is routinely used by other student groups. Establishes requirements for institutions regarding the following: (1) Maintaining and posting reports of violations submitted by students or employees on the institution's website. (2) Informing students and employees regarding certain restrictions and requirements to which the institution is subject and to the definition of divisive concept. (3) Conducting, posting the results of, and submitting a report to the legislative council regarding a biennial survey. (4) Posting a current syllabus for each course offered in the current semester at the institution on the institution's website. (5) Submitting the following: (A) Certain reports to the institution's chief executive officer. (B) Certain reports to the commission for higher education (commission). Provides that a student or employee of an institution who believes that an institution has violated certain restrictions on institutions may file a report of the alleged violation with the institution. Establishes requirements regarding individuals employed by an institution whose primary or secondary job duties or job title includes diversity, equity, or inclusion. Allows and requires the commission to adopt rules.

Effective Date: July 1, 2024.

Explanation of State Expenditures: *As of the above date, the fiscal analysis of this bill has not been completed. Please contact the Office of Fiscal and Management Analysis for an update of this fiscal impact*

statement.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected:

Local Agencies Affected:

Information Sources:

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