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AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE TASK FORCE TO SUPPORT PROMISE PROGRAMS IN THE STATE. AMENDMENT

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OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 27 \$	FY 28 \$
Higher Ed., Off.	GF - Reduces Cost in Bill	31.3 million	62.4 million
State Comptroller - Fringe Benefits ¹	GF - Reduces Cost in Bill	79,800	79,800
Constituent Units of Higher Education	OF - Eliminates Potential Revenue Gain in Bill	See Below	See Below

Note: GF=General Fund; OF= Other Funds

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The amendment reduces the cost of the underlying bill by at least \$31.4 million in FY 27 and at least \$62.5 million in FY 28, with greater cost reductions in the out years. It does so primarily by eliminating the Scholar Success Grant Program, established by the bill. This eliminates program costs of at least \$31.1 million in FY 27, at least \$62.2 million in FY 28, at least \$93.3 million in FY 29, and at least \$124.5 million in FY 30

¹The fringe benefit costs for most state employees are budgeted centrally in accounts administered by the Comptroller. The estimated active employee fringe benefit cost associated with most personnel changes is 41.82% of payroll in FY 27.

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and annually thereafter.

The elimination of the Scholar Success Grant Program also: (1) eliminates the underlying bill's potential revenue gain to the constituent units annually beginning in FY 27; and (2) reduces the number of positions the Office of Higher Education (OHE) will need to administer the bill's remaining provisions, from four to two. This reduces the bill's staffing costs by \$270,600 (\$190,800 in salary and \$79,800 in fringe).

Additionally, the amendment eliminates a requirement for OHE to provide funding for start-up expenses for new Promise programs. This reduces the underlying bill's cost to OHE to support new Promise programs.

Lastly, the amendment eliminates FY 27 appropriations established by the bill totaling \$34.8 million. The appropriations would have supported the Scholar Success program and various other requirements of the underlying bill.

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