

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1151

Page 1, line 3, after the first semicolon insert "and"

Page 1, line 3, remove "effective date; and"

Page 1, line 4, replace "to declare an emergency" with "appropriation"

Page 1, line 20, overstrike "ten" and insert immediately thereafter "five"

Page 2, line 8, replace "one-half" with "one-quarter"

Page 3, line 8, replace "one-half" with "one-quarter"

Page 4, line 31, after "exclude" insert "scholarships intended solely for the benefit of athletics, campus facility repair projects, and"

Page 5, replace lines 3 and 4 with:

"SECTION 7. APPROPRIATION - STATE BOARD OF HIGHER EDUCATION.

There is appropriated out of any moneys in the general fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$19,000,000, or so much of the sum as may be necessary, to the state board of higher education for the purpose of awarding matching grants for the advancement of academics at institutions of higher education under the control of the board, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2015, and ending June 30, 2017. The funding provided in this section is considered a one-time funding item."

Renumber accordingly

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE OF AMENDMENT:

This amendment provides for the following:

- Adds a one-time general fund appropriation of \$19 million for the higher education challenge grant program.
- Reduces the amount of funding allocated to the Governor's office for administrative costs of the grant program from one-half of one percent of each grant to one-quarter of one percent for each grant.
- Clarifies that grant funding cannot be used for campus facility repair projects or scholarships intended solely for the benefit of athletics.
- Removes the effective date and emergency clause because the appropriation section is added which makes the bill effective July 1, 2015.