



Update to Board of County Commissioners

To: Board of County Commissioners

RE: SB 449 (and HB 2706 A)

Date: 03-20-2023

Requested Action from the BCC

BCC members requested additional detail on [SB 449](#)

Companion bill is HB [2706 A](#).

Summary	<p>SB 449 would provide college tuition funding to foster children exiting care and entering college to pursue undergraduate degrees.</p> <p>HB 2706 appears to have been introduced as companion bill in the House chamber. It has been amended to expand the age group of youth eligible to receive tuition support, and expands the definition of institutions the tuition would apply to.</p>
Department Reviews and Comments	<p>H3S/HACC – Supportive. Many caseworkers throughout county departments work with children and families that might qualify for such a benefit. However, this bill would not commit county work or affect service delivery.</p> <p>PGA – This bill does not have a direct tie to county operations. The potential companion bill in the House (2706) could mean this bill does not move or does not need to move.</p>
Staff Recommendation	<p>No recommendation. The bill does not have a direct tie to county operations.</p>
Timeline	<p>SB 449 has a public hearing and possible work session on Tuesday, March 28.</p> <p>HB 2706 has been recommended from its original committee with a “do pass” recommendation, to Joint Ways and Means. No action since February 16.</p>