

BILL SUMMARY
1st Session of the 58th Legislature

Bill No.:	SB 639
Version:	ENGR
Request Number:	
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Date:	4/5/2021
Impact:	No Impact

Research Analysis

Beginning with students who enter the OHLAP program in 2021-2022, the engrossed version of SB 639 provides that any student who does not complete the requirements for their degree, votech, or CareerTech program within six years will be required to pay back the full amount of the scholarship. The college, university, or technology center may consider hardship circumstances.

No scholarships will be given for courses taken six years after the student's first semester. There are exceptions for students experiencing hardship.

Lastly, the measure requires the Executive Director of the Commerce Department, in consultation with the State Regents, to annually publish a list of critical occupation areas in the state. The Regents and the Career Tech State Board will identify CareerTech programs that correlate to these critical occupation areas. The OHLAP scholarship will extend to students completing programs in these critical occupation areas.

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Fiscal Analysis

As written, the measure is not anticipated to result in a negative fiscal impact on the state budget or appropriations.

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Other Considerations

None.