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Chapter 14—Tuition Increases

PURPOSE: This rule establishes the process by which public institutions of higher education in Missouri will demonstrate compliance, or seek a penalty waiver for noncompliance, with limits on annual tuition increases in accordance with the Higher Education Student Funding Act, sections 173.1000-173.1003, RSMo.

(1) Definitions.
(A) Academic year means the fall and spring semesters between August 1 and July 31 of one (1) three hundred sixty-five (365-) day period.
(B) CBHE means the Coordinating Board for Higher Education.
(C) Commissioner means the Commissioner of Higher Education.
(D) Course fees means those fees in addition to tuition charged to full-time undergraduate students for enrollment in specific courses, excluding student approved fees and required fees.
(E) Differential tuition or differentiated tuition means a system of charging tuition in which Missouri resident undergraduate students enrolled full-time in certain undergraduate degree programs designated by the institution are charged tuition at additional rates or amounts greater than what is charged to each Missouri resident undergraduate student for courses required for that degree program. The additional rates or amounts of tuition in a differentiated tuition system must be based on enrollment in the designated degree program and not based on enrollment in specific courses.
(F) Elective means a course or class taken by a student which does not satisfy any required component of a degree program, including required general education courses, for which an institution is charging differentiated tuition.
(G) Student approved fee means any fee the amount of which has been approved by a majority of students who vote in a campus-wide election or by a majority of members of an officially recognized student government organization popularly elected by the students of an institution or a campus within a multi-campus system.
(H) Included institution means all institutions that offer four- (4-) year degree programs, State Technical College, and any community college that charges out-of-district Missouri residents tuition that is equal to or exceeds the average tuition.
(I) Institution means an approved public institution of higher education, as defined in section 173.1102, RSMo. An institution that is comprised of more than one (1) campus at which the same level of degree is offered shall constitute one (1) institution for purposes of this rule.
(J) MDHEWD means the Missouri Department of Higher Education and Workforce Development.

(2) Notice of Tuition Increases.
(A) By July 1 of each year, beginning July 1, 2022, each included institution must submit its notice of tuition change to the CBHE, via MDHEWD. If the notice of tuition change is discovered to be inaccurate due to changes in underlying data or assumptions, the institution shall notify MDHEWD immediately and submit a corrected notice of tuition change as soon as practicable.
(B) Any institution that imposes a mid-year tuition increase and/or switches to differentiated tuition mid-year must provide a notice of tuition change reflecting the increase as soon as it is practically possible to do so.

(3) Differentiated Tuition.
(A) An institution may utilize differentiated tuition. An institution that is comprised of more than one (1) campus at which the same level of degree is offered may decide to use differentiated tuition at all of its campuses or only at designated campuses.
(B) If an institution decides to utilize differentiated tuition, it must notify MDHEWD...