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## HOUSE REPUBLICAN STAFF ANALYSIS

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Bill: Senate File 122  
Committee: Education  
Bill Manager: Rep. J. Taylor  
Date: April 1, 2011  
Staff: Jason Chapman (1-3015)

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### College Student Aid Commission Duties

Changes several duties for the College Student Aid Commission (CSAC). Requires them to determine that students receiving state funding are attending Iowa-based institutions, strikes a requirement to track program information that the Department of Human Services is currently tracking or that the US Dept of Education is currently collecting. It also allows the 5 years of eligibility for loan forgiveness for teaching in a shortage area to occur non-consecutively, within 10 years of graduation.

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### Summary of Action

The Senate **PASSED** SF 122 on March 1, 2011, by a vote of 49-0.  
The House **PASSED** SF 122 on April 4, 2011, by a vote of 98-0.  
The Governor **SIGNED** SF 122 on April 12, 2011.

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### Section by Section Analysis

**Section 1** – Requires the CSAC to determine that students receiving state-funded scholarships are attending institutions eligible for federal student aid programs and are not 261B registered institutions (non-Iowa based higher ed programs). Also requires higher ed institutions with students receiving state aid to submit the numbers of enrolled minority students and employed minority faculty. This information is submitted to the legislature and governor by March 1 annually.

**Section 2** – Strikes 261.6, subsection 4, requiring CSAC to track students who participate in the All Iowa Opportunity Foster Care Grant Program. This tracking is being done by DHS.

**Sections 3 through 5** – Modifies how and what information CSAC must collect as it relates to affirmative action at post-secondary institutions. Some of this data is already being collected by the USDE and CSAC has access. This eliminates the need for schools to provide the same info to two different entities. It also allows CSAC the flexibility to collect data that is needed and isn't currently being collected.

**Section 6** – Allows for a teacher receiving loan forgiveness for teaching in a shortage area to receive that benefit for non-consecutive years. Current law requires 5 consecutive years. This bill would change it to 5 years, as long as they are completed within 10 years following graduation.

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