

HOUSE REPUBLICAN STAFF ANALYSIS

Bill: HF 440/HSB 51	House Committee: PASSED on 2/12/25 (9-2)
Committee: Higher Education	House Floor: PASSED on 3/18/25 (64-33)
Floor Manager Representative Collins	Senate Floor: PASSED on 4/23/25 (48-0)
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College Affordability Act

- Requires Regents to make a final decision on tuition be made no later than December 31 of the year before the increase occurs.
- Institutions are directed to begin efforts to offer 3 year bachelor's degrees and Work+ programs.
- Board of Regents shall conduct a study on tuition guarantees and submit a report.

Section by Section Analysis

Section 1. Short Title

Act shall be known and may be cited as the College Affordability Act.

Section 2. Section 262.9(19)(a)

Amended to add on tuition decisions for the Regents that the final decision on an increase in tuition shall be made at a regular meeting held no later than December 31 of the previous fiscal year.

Section 3. Section 262.9 New subsections

Direct each institution to begin efforts to offer at least one baccalaureate degree program that can be completed in three years.

Direct each institution to begin implementation of at least one work study program where a student engages in part-time employment while pursuing a degree with the employer being financially responsible for student's tuition and mandatory fees during semesters in which the student is employed by the employer.

Section 4. Institutions of Higher Education Governed by the State Board of Regents—Undergraduate Tuition—Study

The Board of Regents shall conduct a study on establishing a policy where the tuition amount charged to an undergrad student in their first academic year will not increase in the student's subsequent academic years for three years.

The study shall include projections of how much the policy would increase enrollment at each institution, the technical feasibility of such a policy, the cost of implementation, and the results of implementation of similar policies in other states.

The board shall submit a report to the Governor and GA no later than November 30, 2025.