

**LEGISLATIVE SERVICES AGENCY
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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

LS 6633
BILL NUMBER: HB 1154

NOTE PREPARED: Dec 18, 2025
BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Hunger-free Campus Grant Program.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Harris
FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FUNDS AFFECTED: X GENERAL
X DEDICATED
FEDERAL

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: This bill establishes the Hunger-Free Campus Grant Program to provide grants to state educational institutions (SEIs) for purposes of addressing food insecurity among students enrolled in SEIs. It provides that the Commission for Higher Education (CHE) shall provide a grant under the grant program to an SEI if at least one campus is designated by the CHE as a hunger-free campus. The bill establishes criteria that a campus of an SEI must meet in order to be designated as a hunger-free campus. The bill makes an appropriation.

Effective Date: July 1, 2026.

Explanation of State Expenditures: *Hunger-Free Campus Grant Fund:* The bill establishes the nonreverting Hunger-Free Campus Grant Fund to provide grants to SEIs. The bill appropriates \$250,000 from the state General Fund to the Hunger-Free Campus Grant Fund in FY 2027. The bill also requires the CHE to transfer \$100,000 from funds appropriated to CHE for FY 2028 and \$150,000 in FY 2029 to the fund.

Commission for Higher Education (CHE): The bill requires the CHE to administer the Hunger-free Campus Grant Program and fund. This includes a requirement for the CHE to submit a report, by July 1, 2029, documenting program activities and any future recommendations regarding an annual appropriation toward the program. Existing staffing and resource levels, if currently being used to capacity, may be insufficient for full implementation. The costs of administering the fund will be paid from money in the fund.

Explanation of State Revenues: *SEIs:* The bill sets criteria to determine SEIs that may be eligible for grant funds under the newly established program. To the extent an SEI has at least one campus meeting the requirements for designation as a hunger-free campus, grant revenues for applicant SEIs could increase. Revenues are to be used for the purposes outlined in the bill to address food insecurity among students. Ultimately, grants awarded to SEIs will depend on the administrative actions at SEI campuses and the availability of funds.

Additional Information - A 2021 report on Housing Instability and Food Insecurity from Foster Success, in collaboration with the CHE and the United Way, included a survey of Indiana public colleges and

universities. The survey found that more than 75% have an on-campus food pantry available to students. Most institutions also reported that their campuses provided resources to address student food insecurity.

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: Commission for Higher Education; State educational institutions.

Local Agencies Affected:

Information Sources:

https://fostersuccess.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/08/Foster-Success-Food-and-Housing-Resources-Report_July-2021.pdf

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