



FISCAL NOTE

Senate Bill 60

Committee: Ways and Means Education

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Senate Bill 60 as passed the Senate could increase the obligations of the Education Trust Fund by an undetermined amount dependent upon the difference in the maximum loan amounts provided under the Alabama Loan-Repayment Program: (1) as set by the Alabama Board of Nursing under current law based on in-state tuition increases; and (2) the amounts set by the Board of up to a 5% increase annually, as provided by this bill.

In addition, this bill would replace the current penalty provisions for defaulting or failure to honor a contract from a penalty amount ranging from 20% to 100% of the total principal amount of the loans, under current law, to an amount equal to 20% of the total amount of loans received by the participant, as provided by this bill. Per the Board, the annual average amount of penalties collected by the Board totals \$45,000.

This bill would also increase the administrative obligations of: (1) the Board to consult with the Alabama Commission on Evaluation Services (ACES) to develop performance metric data and other measures of success to include in their annual reporting requirements established pursuant to this bill; and (2) ACES to conduct an evaluation of the program during the 2028 fiscal year.