

**DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE BILL ANALYSIS**

**AMENDMENT DATE:** April 14, 2009  
**POSITION:** Neutral

**BILL NUMBER:** SB 511  
**AUTHOR:** Senate Education

**BILL SUMMARY: Higher Education: Technical Clean-Up**

This bill corrects technical errors, and makes non-substantive changes related to higher education. Specifically this bill:

- Corrects a change to law that was inadvertently chaptered out by Chapter 757, Statutes of 2008 (omnibus education trailer bill) that authorizes a parent or guardian to release a student's results from the Standardized Testing and Reporting (STAR) Program to a postsecondary institution to determine "readiness for college-level coursework";
- Clarifies that participants who fail to complete the requirements for any of the various Assumption Program of Loans for Education (APLE) shall "retain", rather than "resume" or "assume", responsibility for remaining loan obligations; and
- Conforms an existing provision of law regarding the instructional time limit for part-time community college clinical nursing faculty under certain circumstances to reflect the same change made to a section of law applicable to all part-time faculty pursuant to Chapter 84, statutes of 2008. Thus, all nursing part time faculty would be authorized to teach not more than 67 percent of the hours per week of a full-time faculty assignment and be considered temporary employees.

**FISCAL SUMMARY**

The bill is a technical clean up of the Education Code focused upon higher education, and results in no state level costs.

**COMMENTS**

The Department of Finance is neutral on this bill for the following reasons:

- The bill would correct technical issues including updating changes from previous legislation that were chaptered out, clarifying loan assumption program language, and conforming cross references to previous law changes.
- The bill would not result in any new Proposition 98 General Fund costs to the state.

Code/Department Agency or Revenue Type	(Fiscal Impact by Fiscal Year)								Fund Code	
	SO	(Dollars in Thousands)								
	LA	CO	PROP	FC	2008-2009	FC	2009-2010	FC		2010-2011
	RV	98	FC							
6110/Dept of Educ	LA	Yes			-----	No/Minor Fiscal Impact	-----			0001
6870/Comm College	LA	Yes			-----	No/Minor Fiscal Impact	-----			0001
7980/Student Aid	SO	No			-----	No/Minor Fiscal Impact	-----			0001

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