

**COMMISSION FOR HIGHER EDUCATION**

Friday March 12, 2010

**DISCUSSION ITEM B:                    Financial Aid Study Update**

**Staff Recommendation**                    For discussion only.

**Background**                                    Included in the 2009 Budget Bill (HEA 1001-2009ss, SECTION 489) is the following provision:

*The commission for higher education with the assistance of the state student assistance commission shall study the funding of college scholarship programs provided by the state student assistance commission and the state's public universities.*

The study is to include several specific issues, as well as “funding of college scholarship programs provided by the state student assistance commission and the state's public universities.” CHE staff have been working with SSACI staff on this study. This presentation will include some of the initial data collection and findings of those efforts. The final report is due on June 30, 2010.

**Supporting Document**                    *To be distributed.*