

**COMMISSION FOR HIGHER EDUCATION**

Friday, June 8, 2012

**DISCUSSION ITEM B:                    Overview of State Financial Aid Policy**

**Staff Recommendation**                    For discussion purposes only.

**Background**                                    As a result of HEA 1270, effective July 1, 2012, the Indiana Commission for Higher Education will become the public oversight body for the Division of Student Financial Aid, theretofore known as the State Student Assistance Commission of Indiana (SSACI). Mary Jane Michalak, executive director of SSACI, will provide an overview of current practices in financial aid allocation, the duties with which the Commission will be charged after July 1, and considerations the Commission will be asked to review in the months ahead.