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2003 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES
BILL/RESOLUTION NO. HB 1124

House Education Committee

Conference Committee

Hearing Date January 8, 2003

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Committee Clerk Signature <i>Linda Greentree</i>			

Minutes:

Chairman Kelsch open hearing on bill.

SUPPORT

Senator Rich Wardner presented the bill allowing the University system to charge a nominal fee for meals and lodging during the Business Challenge held at DSU. Currently it is free with corporate sponsorship. Since the students receive credit hours and this is conducted in the summer months they are asking to charge \$75 to cover the costs of meals and lodging. Business Challenge needs help to offset the costs of the program to keep it alive. The fee will also give the student responsibility. There is an emergency clause, this would help in the planning process of 2003 event.

Rep. Mueller Q on the right to charge?

A. **Senator Rich Wardner** : Since the student receive a credit for their participation.

Q. **Rep. Herbel** What will this do to the program regarding number of students if a fee is charged?

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A. Senator Wardner: This helps give more options. The program is good for ND as it helps to share our futures business leaders. There is a tremendous amount of support for this program through the schools, community and business.

Q. Rep. Herbel Is this similar to basketball camps?

A. Senator Wardner: No, they don't receive credit.

Chairman Kelsch: Stated that issue is High School credit for the program, BB camps are all inclusive with no credits, only to better their skills. If this were just a business camp with no credit. But because they are receiving a credit is where the difference lies.

Colleen Rodakowski, Business Challenge coordinator, at DSU, support of bill. See attached testimony. The \$75 would cover approximately \$22,000 of the costs which would pay for the rooms and meals during the week, which is 46%. We are not looking to make money, but only to help offset the cost of offering the program so that we can continue to offer this experience to students, our future business leaders.

Q. Rep. Mueller : Could the fees be waived if it produced a hardship on the student?

A. Colleen : definitely, I try to find ways for each student up to the last possible moment.

Q. Rep. Hanson : Business challenge used to be for teachers and students, is it still?

A. Colleen: Yes, but the cost would only be to the student because of the HS credit.

Q. Rep. Jon Nelson Was the program always credited?

A. Colleen: No, I don't know the exact date when a credit was offered.

OPPOSITION: none

NEUTRAL: Tom Decker, DPI presented an amendment & testimony, see attachment.

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Line 3 , after the word 'awarded' delete to the end of the sentence, with the last sentence remaining. Foundation Aid is available for this and student would not have to pay it or partially. The school districts that these student come from could pay these fees if they choose to, our concern is that the last sentence remain, "The institution shall waive any fee if a student or the student's parent or guardian is unable to pay the fee for room and meals.'

Q. Rep. Jon Nelson : How much money does the Foundation provide?

A. Decker: \$14,000 is what I've been told.

Q. Rep. Herbel :What is the criteria for paying, is there a standard?

A. Decker: I don't know of any standard, school districts would have these policies.

Chairman Kelsch stated that school district will know the student/family if they are able to pay.

And can ask on their behalf.

Decker: There is no problem with the school paying.

Q. Rep. Herbel : Are their districts currently paying the fees?

A. Decker: There has been no fee charged to this point.

Q. Rep. Sitte Would private school have to pay since they don't receive foundation aid?

A. Decker: I'm not sure I can give you a clear answer on that.

Close the hearing on HB1124

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2	x		270 - 1075
Committee Clerk Signature <i>Linda Fiechter</i>			

Minutes:

Chairman Kelsch open committee work.

Rep. Haas There are a couple of amendments that we needed to clean up the bill. Read the amendments. I move these amendments accepted into HB1124.

Rep. Jon Nelson :second the motion for the amendment.

Chairman Kelsch : This there a question on the amendment, does everyone understand what they do. They take into consideration one of the concerns brought out as to whether or not the University would be willing to waive the fees for students if they were unable to pay. Staying in line with a free public education.

Rep. Williams I'm just curious why they would reference the wrong chapter.

Rep. Haas This is an agency bill, it was actually brought in by State Board for Higher Education.

A technical that a legal person didn't find.

Rep. Sitte: Foundation Aid will pick up the \$75 fee for most students to attend.

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Chairman Kelsch: Foundation helps pay for this program, because it is a high school credit.

This \$75 fee is in addition for meals and lodging.

Rep. Haas the fee that we are discussing is only to pay for meals and board. Foundation aid never pay for that. Unless it is a special education student.

(759) Rep. Williams: If it is a game or contest, there is not aid. If it is a state or regional tournament, with a state kick back, then the rooms are paid for.

Chairman Kelsch No further discussion on this, clerk please take the voice vote on amendment.

Rep. Haas : comments on how much money are we talking about. 01- \$19,188 , 02 - \$22,116.

DSU is the fiscal agent for this. They receive the foundation aid for this. There is an emergency clause. Business Challenge is in the process of advertising for this summer and the sooner they know it will determine how they publicize the program and how they seek sponsorship.

Chairman Kelsch Call for the roll. Rep. Williams moves a DO PASS, Rep. Hunskor second.

Passed 13 yea, 0 no 1 absent, Rep. Haas will carry to the floor.

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