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**To:** Education Subcommittee

**From:** Tim Walker, Legislative Fiscal Office

**Date:** June 8, 2021

**Subject:** HB 2835 – Relating to benefits programs for students at institutions of higher education

Work Session Recommendations

The measure defines benefits navigator as person trained to assist students with applying for and receiving need-based financial benefits provided by federal, state and local programs and requires each public university and community college to train and employ benefits navigators. The measure also requires each public university and community college to participate in statewide consortium for benefits navigators to develop best practices and facilitate communication.

The -1 amendment appropriates \$4,999,150 General Fund to Higher Education Coordinating Commission for the purposes of the bill.

### **Recommended Changes**

LFO recommends adoption of the -1 amendment.

### **Final Subcommittee Action**

LFO recommends that HB 2835, as amended by the -1 amendment, to be moved to the Ways and Means Full Committee.

### **Carriers**

Full Committee: \_\_\_\_\_

House Floor: \_\_\_\_\_

Senate Floor: \_\_\_\_\_