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From: Randy Boyd
Sent: Wednesday, February 10, 2016 10:03 AM
To: Sally Haar
Cc: Sammie Arnold; Ted Townsend
Subject: Re: unauthorized immigrant k-12 students
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Good number to know. 28 is a very low number

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On Feb 10, 2016, at 9:47 AM, Sally Haar <Sally.Haar@tn.gov> wrote:

Current estimates show 6500 K-12 Tennessee students are undocumented (based on PEW Research Center estimates). We're researching to find some reasonable assumptions on the % we expect will graduate & the % we expect will attend college. Will get back to you soon!

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A guess. So do we know or can estimate the percentage of high school seniors that are undocumented?

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On Feb 9, 2016, at 9:47 PM, Sally Haar <Sally.Haar@tn.gov> wrote:

Yes it seems low to me as well. Perhaps that is a number they have actually been able to capture, which I assume is hard to come by.

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On Feb 9, 2016, at 7:50 PM, Sammie Arnold <Sammie.Arnold@tn.gov> wrote:

So TBR and UT estimate that just 28 undocumented kids per year will take advantage of the new law if it passes? That seems low, but what do I know.

On Feb 9, 2016, at 6:02 PM, Sally Haar <Sally.Haar@tn.gov> wrote:

Commissioner,

Attached is preliminary research on undocumented immigrants in Tennessee's K-12 system.

1. First is an outline of the present bill which would allow unauthorized immigrants, under certain circumstances, to attend TBR and UT institutions at the in-state tuition rate. Fiscal impacts have already been evaluated here.
2. Based on the bill's fiscal note, I estimate the additional earnings and tax revenues these new credential-holders would generate for the state. (these are preliminary; there is a lack of data on educational attainment of immigrant population)
3. Third, I offer some research on the number of unauthorized students in the K-12 system, based on 2012 Census data. These numbers suggest a larger number of students could potentially enter UT and TBR institutions, above the 28 estimated in the bill's fiscal impact.

Next steps include contacting TBR and UT to determine how they estimated 28. I've already spoken to DOE's Jayme Place, and THEC's Emily House, however neither had data to offer on unauthorized students. We can also apply graduation rates and some other assumptions to narrow to the number that may graduate with postsecondary credentials.

Before proceeding, I just want to make sure I'm going in the right direction.

Thanks,
Sally

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