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"ALEC" has long been a secretive collaboration between Big Business and "conservative" politicians. Behind closed doors, they ghostwrite "model" bills to be introduced in state capitols across the country. This agenda—underwritten by global corporations—includes major tax loopholes for big industries and the super rich, proposals to offshore U.S. jobs and gut minimum wage, and efforts to weaken public health, safety, and environmental protections. Although many of these bills have become law, until now, their origin has been largely unknown. With **ALEC EXPOSED**, the Center for Media and Democracy hopes more Americans will study the bills to understand the depth and breadth of how big corporations are changing the legal rules and undermining democracy across the nation.

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College Funding Accountability Act

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Summary

This bill will require any college or university that accepts state funding to undergo an outside financial audit if a budget increase or tuition increase request is higher than the formula listed below.

Model Legislation

{Title, enacting clause, etc.}

Section 1. {Short Title} This Act may be cited as the College Funding Accountability Act.

Section 2. {Definitions}

(A) "College or University" means any school of secondary education that receives financial support from the state.

(B) "Cost of Living" means the Consumer Price Index (all items) for the United States of America, or any comparable index, as computed by the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the Department of Commerce of the United States for a 12 month period of time.

(C) "Population" means the number of people residing in the state, excluding armed forces stationed overseas, as determined by the United States Bureau of the Census.

Section 3. {The Scope of the Act}

(A) Each college or university that requests an appropriation from the state that exceeds monies received in the prior fiscal year, except for allowances for cost-of-living and population, must submit to an outside financial audit to determine if the additional increase in funding is both necessary and prudent to meet the financial needs of the college or university.

(B) Each college or university that requests authorization for a tuition increase more than monies received in the prior fiscal year, except for allowances for cost-of-living and population, must submit to an outside financial audit to determine if the additional increase in funding is both necessary and prudent to meet the financial needs of the college or university.

(C) Responsibility for the cost of the outside audit will fall to the legislature.

Section 4. {Emergency clause} The limitations imposed by Section 3 may be exceeded upon the declaration of an emergency by the governor and upon a two-thirds vote of all members elected to each House of the legislature concurring therein. The limitation may be exceeded only for the year(s) in which the emergency is declared.

Section 5. {Severability clause.}

Section 6. {Repealer clause}

Section 7. {Effective date.}

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Did you know that an online for-profit school company was the corporate co-chair in 2011?

From CMD: This "model" legislation requires colleges and universities that accept public funding to participate in a financial audit if a budget increase or tuition increase request is higher than a certain amount. This is a way for legislators to control tuition-setting in those states where governing boards set tuition without additional oversight. This rule does not appear to be applicable to private schools that accept public funds through grants or scholarships.