

# Department of Planning and Budget

## 2002 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number** HB1229

**House of Origin**    ☒ Introduced    ☐ Substitute    ☐ Engrossed  
**Second House**    ☐ In Committee    ☐ Substitute    ☐ Enrolled

**2. Patron**        Keister and Carrico

**3. Committee**    Education

**4. Title**            Waivers of tuition and fees for certain students

**5. Summary/Purpose:** Expands the existing waiver of tuition and fees for surviving children and spouses of law enforcement, firefighter, and other emergency personnel killed in the line of duty to include children and spouses of such persons "totally and permanently disabled" due to such service.

**6. Fiscal Impact Estimates are:** Preliminary.

6a. Expenditure Impact:

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Positions</i>	<i>Fund</i>
2001-02			
2002-03	\$164,400		GF
2003-04	\$164,400		GF

6b. Revenue Impact:

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Positions</i>	<i>Fund</i>
2001-02			
2002-03	(\$164,400)		NGF
2003-04	(\$164,400)		NGF

**7. Budget amendments necessary :** Yes, if the bill is adopted and the General Assembly chooses to replace the foregone non-general fund revenue with general fund dollars.

**8. Fiscal implications:** There would be minimal fiscal impact. In the 1998 Session, Chapter 377 was enacted which reduced the residency requirements for spouses or children of law enforcement, firefighter, and other emergency personnel who were killed in the line of duty. At that time, it was estimated that by changing the residency requirement from ten to five years, an additional 75 people had their tuition waived resulting in a fiscal impact of \$286,000. This assumed 75 students multiplied by the average amount of tuition waived (\$3,815).

This legislation amends Chapter 377 to simply incorporate children and spouses of such persons "totally and permanently disabled" due to such service. This specific data is unavailable therefore assumptions must be made. Given the 20 percent tuition roll back and the act of freezing tuition, the fiscal impact would be minimal likelihood be less. If an additional 75 students were assumed impacted due to this legislation and the current fiscal year 2002

average amount of financial aid per student, there would be an impact of \$164,400.

**9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected:** State-supported institutions of higher education

**10. Technical amendment necessary:** None

**11. Other comments:** None

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cc: Secretary of Education