

Department of Planning and Budget 2005 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number SB1288

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

2. Patron Stolle

3. Committee House Appropriations

4. Title Waiver of tuition and fees for certain students

5. Summary/Purpose: The proposed legislation includes children of members of the Virginia National Guard among children of service members who are eligible to receive a waiver for tuition and required fees at any education or training institution of collegiate or secondary grade in Virginia when a parent is killed or missing in action or was a prisoner of war in an armed conflict. The bill, as passed by the Senate, includes an emergency clause.

6. Fiscal Impact Estimates are: Not available. See Line 8.

7. Budget amendment necessary: No.

8. Fiscal implications: According to the State Council of Higher Education, a representative from the Virginia Army National Guard reports low casualties both recently and over time among its members. Additionally, most of their members are relatively young and have not yet started a family. Therefore, the annual fiscal impact of this bill is projected to be minimal with annual beneficiaries fluctuating between one to five students per year. The table below provides a summary of projected costs assuming: average tuition and fee charges at four-year institutions, three students per year, an average nine percent tuition and fee increase, and an average of five years to graduate.

Summary of Projected Costs

<u>Year</u>	<u>Annual Beneficiaries</u>	<u>Tuition & Fees</u>	<u>Annual Cost</u>
FY06	3	\$5,612	\$16,836
FY07	6	\$6,117	\$36,702
FY08	9	\$6,668	\$60,009
FY09	12	\$7,268	\$87,212
FY10	15	\$7,922	\$118,827
FY11	15	\$8,635	\$129,521

Currently, public institutions of higher education waive tuition and fees for certain military individuals granted in-state tuition under §23-7.4:1 of the Code of Virginia. The institutions are not reimbursed for these waivers from the general fund.

9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected:

Members of the Virginia National Guard
Public institutions of higher education

10. Technical amendment necessary: No.

11. Other comments: None.

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cc: Secretary of Education