

Department of Planning and Budget 2006 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB 139

House of Origin	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Introduced	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Engrossed
Second House	<input type="checkbox"/> In Committee	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Enrolled

2. Patron: O'Brien

3. Committee: Finance

4. Title: Virginia Military Family Relief Fund

5. Summary/Purpose:

The proposed legislation would establish a special fund ("the fund") to assist active-duty Virginia National Guard or military reserve members and their families, with living expenses, such as food, housing, utilities, and medical care. The fund would include any money appropriated by the General Assembly, as well as money received as private gifts, grants, or donations. The money in the fund would be available to provide help to Virginia residents, or their families, who are members of the Virginia National Guard or the reserves of the armed forces and who have been called to active duty for more than 90 days.

A Council of the Virginia Military Relief Fund would be established within the Department of Military Affairs to administer the fund. The Council would establish eligibility criteria for distribution of the funds.

The bill would also provide for a voluntary contribution check-off box on Virginia personal income tax returns, whereby taxpayers could contribute to the fund.

6. Fiscal Impact Estimate: Preliminary. See Item 8.

7. Budget amendment necessary: None.

8. Fiscal implications:

The proposed legislation does not require that any state funds be appropriated to support the fund. Nevertheless, the introduced budget includes an appropriation of \$500,000 from the general fund for the Virginia Military Family Relief Fund.

The Department of Taxation has indicated that there would be no costs to it in establishing in the check-off box on income tax returns.

9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected:

Department of Military Affairs

10. Technical amendment necessary: None.

11. Other comments: Identical to HB 628.

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