

Department of Planning and Budget

2007 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. **Bill Number** HB 2438
House of Origin ☐ Introduced ☐ Substitute ☐ Engrossed
Second House ☐ In Committee ☐ Substitute ☒ Enrolled

2. **Patron** Frederick

3. **Committee** Passed both Houses

4. **Title** Eligibility for in-state tuition; dependents of active duty personnel

5. **Summary/Purpose:** Expands the eligibility for in-state tuition to dependents of active duty military personnel assigned to a permanent duty station in Virginia, or in a state contiguous to Virginia, or the District of Columbia, who reside in Virginia.

6. **Fiscal Impact Estimates are:** Final. See Item 8.

7. **Budget amendment necessary:** No.

8. **Fiscal implications:** This bill expands the eligibility for in-state tuition to dependents of active duty military personnel who reside in Virginia, but are stationed and domiciled in a state contiguous to Virginia, or the District of Columbia.

According to the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia, there may be (up to) several hundred students were not included in legislation passed last year (HB695) Chapter 783, 2006 Acts of Assembly, that allowed in-state tuition to the dependents of military personnel. The exact number is not known. The potential revenue loss for the Commonwealth's colleges and universities could not be determined due to the fact that the actual number of students in this category is indeterminate. However, the difference between in-state and out-of-state higher education operating funds based on the per credit hour average of George Mason University, Old Dominion University, and Christopher Newport University for each three credit hour undergraduate course is approximately \$1,153. Any resulting revenue loss would have to be absorbed by the admitting higher education institution.

9. **Specific agency or political subdivisions affected:** All state colleges and universities.

10. **Technical amendment necessary:** No.

11. **Other comments:** None.

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C: Secretary of Education

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