

## Department of Planning and Budget

### 2007 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. **Bill Number** SB1187

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

2. **Patron** Blevins

3. **Committee** Passed both Houses

4. **Title** Waiver of tuition for children and spouses of certain military personnel

5. **Summary/Purpose:** This legislation includes spouses and children of members of the Virginia National Guard or members of the Virginia State Defense Force killed in the line of duty among the beneficiaries entitled to free undergraduate tuition and the payment of required fees at any public institution of higher education.

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

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

8. **Fiscal implications:** This legislation expands the number of eligible spouses and children eligible for free tuition and fees at Virginia's higher education institutions to include members of the Virginia National Guard or members of the Virginia State Defense Force. The exact number of eligible dependents is not available and is variable due to the variable number of fatalities each year. The Department of Veterans Services, State Council of Higher Education for Virginia and the Department of Accounts estimate the number is not likely to be significant; thus, this legislation would have a minimal impact on the state's higher education institutions if this benefit is utilized. As necessary, the cost of this program would be absorbed by the specific higher education institution.

9. **Specific agency or political subdivisions affected:** All state colleges and universities, State Council of Higher Education for Virginia, Department of Accounts, and Department of Veterans Services.

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

11. **Other comments:** None.

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C: Secretary of Education

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