

**Department of Planning and Budget
2012 Fiscal Impact Statement**

1. Bill Number: HB195

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

2. Patron: Lewis

3. Committee: Education

4. Title: Higher educational institutions; course credit for military experience.

5. Summary: Requires the governing boards of each public institution of higher education to implement policies that award academic credit to students for educational experience gained from military service.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No, see item 8.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Preliminary.

8. Fiscal Implications: Most colleges and universities have policies in place that consider work experience, including military experience, when determining the number of credits required for degree completion. This review is usually undertaken by the colleges' continuing education department, where a review and certification of each applicant's credits and work history are identified. Each college and university would apply their own standard to each applicant.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: All state colleges and universities.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.

Date: January 19, 2012

C: Secretary of Education