

## Department of Planning and Budget 2014 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number:** HB 776

<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:** Wilt

**3. Committee:** Passed both houses.

**4. Title:** Alters eligibility requirements for surviving spouses to obtain certain benefits.

**5. Summary:** Waives the requirement that the factors presented in support of entitlement to in-state tuition must exist for the one-year period prior to the date of the alleged entitlement for spouses of certain military members who were killed in action, are missing in action, or are prisoners of war. Also grants in-state tuition for the duration of their enrollment to surviving spouses who are residing in the Commonwealth.

**6. Budget Amendment Necessary:** No.

**7. Fiscal Impact:** Final – Indeterminate (See item 8).

**8. Fiscal Implications:** There is no anticipated long-term impact from this legislation because the change in in-state tuition eligibility will not result in a decrease in out-of-state tuition revenue. Once the legislation becomes effective, the altered tuition status of affected individuals will be known to the institutions of higher education at the time of acceptance, and so should not affect the proportion of in- and out-of-state tuition revenue.

A potential short-term impact would be constituted by lost out-of-state tuition revenue if currently enrolled or accepted out-of-state students become eligible for in-state tuition in the same timeframe an institution of higher education has planned to receive out-of-state tuition from said students. The magnitude of this potential impact is indeterminate but likely to be relatively small.

**9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** Department of Veterans Services; Virginia's public institutions of higher education.

**10. Technical Amendment Necessary:** No.

**11. Other Comments:** None.