

## **Department of Planning and Budget 2018 Fiscal Impact Statement**

**1. Bill Number: SB 462**

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

**2. Patron: Reeves**

**3. Committee: Appropriations**

**4. Title: National Guard tuition assistance**

**5. Summary:**

Under current law, National Guard members who have completed the required initial active duty service and have at least two years of obligation remaining are eligible for higher education tuition grants. The proposed legislation would expand the grants to include the cost of textbooks, as well as tuition. The legislation would also clarify that the remaining obligation of two years must be from the last day of the term or semester for which the grant is awarded.

**6. Budget Amendment Necessary: None.**

**7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Preliminary. See Item 8.**

**8. Fiscal Implications:**

The Department of Military Affairs bases the maximum tuition grant available for any National Guard Member on the amount of its appropriation for this purpose and the number of members applying for grants. If the inclusion of the cost of textbooks in the grants would cause the total amount of grant awards to exceed the agency's appropriation, it would adjust the maximum individual grant award. However, it is not possible to project the additional cost of including textbooks in the grants or the effect that this might have on the maximum amount available for any individual grant.

**9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Department of Military Affairs**

**10. Technical Amendment Necessary: None.**

**11. Other Comments: None.**