

**Department of Planning and Budget
2008 Fiscal Impact Statement**

1. Bill Number: HB1109

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

2. Patron: Shannon

3. Committee: Education

4. Title: Tuition waiver; certain veterans.

5. Summary: Provides a waiver of tuition and fees for eligible veterans under certain conditions. The waiver can be granted if the tuition and fees are in excess of federal educational benefits available to the student for the semester in which the student is enrolled, for eligible veterans under certain conditions. The individual institution must determine the eligibility of the applicant for the waiver and must also ascertain that the recipient is in attendance and making satisfactory progress.

6. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Indeterminate. See item 8.

7. Budget Amendment Necessary: No

8. Fiscal Implications: A potential revenue loss for the Commonwealth's colleges and universities could not be determined because the actual number of students in this category is indeterminate. Also, the bill requires a student to exhaust all available federal educational benefits prior to qualifying for the tuition waiver. Since the amount of federal benefits used by each student may vary, it can be assumed that the revenue loss expected from a tuition waiver will also vary.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: All institutions of public higher education.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No

11. Other Comments: The cost of providing services for students who meet the eligibility criteria will have to be absorbed by the colleges and universities. Therefore, institutions may incur other costs as result of waiving tuition and fees for these students. As a result, the cost of some services may increase if institutions attempt to recoup the revenue loss.

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cc: Secretary of Education