Department of Planning and Budget 2013 Fiscal Impact Statement

1.	Bill Number	er: HB2231ER				
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	Second House		In Committee	Substitute	\boxtimes	Enrolled
2.	Patron:	Rush				
3.	Committee: Passed both Houses					
4.	Title:	Increase the amount of financial assistance for the Virginia Military Survivors and Dependents Education Fund				

- **5. Summary:** Specifies that qualified survivors and dependents are eligible for financial assistance from the Virginia Military Survivors and Dependents Education Fund in an amount up to \$2,000 or as provided in the appropriation act for board and room charges, books and supplies, and other expenses at any public institution of higher education or other public accredited postsecondary institution granting a degree, diploma, or certificate in the Commonwealth. The bill is contingent upon funding in the general appropriation act adopted by the 2013 Session of the General Assembly, which becomes law.
- **6. Budget Amendment Necessary**: No, additional funding is already provided in Item 144.
- 7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Final, see item 8.
- **8. Fiscal Implications:** The Governor's introduced budget included an additional \$600,000 for the Virginia Military Survivors and Dependents Education program, which was adopted in the budget and passed by the General Assembly. According to the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia, the additional funding should cover the increased funding as prescribed in the legislation.
- **9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** The State Council of Higher Education for Virginia (SCHEV), all state colleges and universities, not for profit private colleges in Virginia, and the Department of Veterans Services who certifies the students eligibility to SCHEV.
- 10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.
- 11. Other Comments: None.

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