

**Department of Planning and Budget
2013 Fiscal Impact Statement**

1. Bill Number: SB857

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

2. Patron: Blevins

3. Committee: Education and Health

4. Title: Expands eligibility for in-state tuition to certain dependents of military.

5. Summary: Expands eligibility for in-state tuition to certain dependents of active duty military personnel, or activated or temporarily mobilized reservists or guard members, who are either (i) assigned unaccompanied orders and immediately prior to receiving such unaccompanied orders were assigned to a permanent duty station or workplace geographically located in Virginia, or in a state contiguous to Virginia or the District of Columbia, and resided in Virginia or (ii) assigned unaccompanied orders with Virginia listed as the designated place move.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Preliminary, see item 8.

8. Fiscal Implications: No fiscal impact is expected from this proposed legislation. This legislation addresses military members and their dependents with unaccompanied orders. This typically means the military will not support the relocation expenses of the dependents; however, the member can relocate their dependents at their own expense.

Current policy allows military members and their dependents to typically qualify for in-state tuition, regardless of the order status. Virginia's public colleges and universities are not required to accept these individuals, and if they are accepted as in-state students, the schools can accept other out-of state students to offset the possible revenue loss.

In addition, the schools can maintain revenues by accepting these individuals in lieu of other in-state students.

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

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: It appears that this legislation codifies intent of providing in-state tuition to military members and their dependents. Additionally, this legislation specifically defines unaccompanied orders as prescribed in the Joint Federal Travel regulations. The military will be changing the unaccompanied orders definition to permanent change in station (PCS).

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C: Secretary of Education