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**Fiscal Note**



Fiscal Note On: **SB 115** SLS 23RS 35

Bill Text Version: **REENGROSSED**

Opp. Chamb. Action:

Proposed Amd.:

Sub. Bill For.:

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<b>Subject:</b> Educational Benefits for Children/Spouses of Certain Veterans		

VETERANS RE DECREASE SG RV See Note Page 1 of 1  
Provides relative to educational benefits for children, spouses, and surviving spouses of certain veterans. (gov sig)

Current law provides an exemption from paying tuition and required fees at public postsecondary institutions to children, spouses, and surviving spouses of U.S. Armed Forces members from Louisiana who were killed in active service, in the line of duty, or from causes related to a service-connected disability incurred during wartime. Proposed legislation expands the definition of a qualified veteran to include one who was rated 90% to 100% service-connected disabled by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs prior to death. Also adds that a veteran qualifies if they were a Louisiana resident for 24 months prior to their death. Provides that the child of a veteran who is 90% to 100% service-connected disabled and has been a Louisiana resident for at least 24 months would also qualify for the exemption. Children of military members killed during official duty who receive educational benefits from R.S. 17:1686 cannot also receive the benefits in proposed law. Proposed legislation requires the Workforce Commission collaborate with state Veteran's Affairs to create and distribute a veteran's benefits and services poster to certain employers in the state.

<b>EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>2023-24</b>	<b>2024-25</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>	<b>2027-28</b>	<b>5 -YEAR TOTAL</b>
State Gen. Fd.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Ded./Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Local Funds	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Annual Total</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

<b>REVENUES</b>	<b>2023-24</b>	<b>2024-25</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>	<b>2027-28</b>	<b>5 -YEAR TOTAL</b>
State Gen. Fd.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Agy. Self-Gen.	DECREASE	DECREASE	DECREASE	DECREASE	DECREASE	
Ded./Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Local Funds	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Annual Total</b>						

**EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION**

There is no anticipated direct material effect on governmental expenditures as a result of this measure. The Louisiana Workforce Commission and Department of Veteran's Affairs indicate they can absorb the nominal costs to collaborate on the veteran's benefits and services poster and post to their respective websites for distribution. The majority of postsecondary institutions report minimal impact or indeterminable impact on expenditures would result from the proposed legislation.

**REVENUE EXPLANATION**

Similar to other statutory tuition and fee exemptions, postsecondary institutions will be required to absorb the decrease in SGR from exempting these students. The average annual tuition and fees during the 2022-23 academic year is reported at \$4,254 at 2-year institutions and \$8,839 at 4-year institutions for a resident student enrolled in 12 hours of coursework per semester.

Senate Dual Referral Rules  
 13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S & H}  
 13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S & H}

House  
 6.8(F)(1) >= \$100,000 SGF Fiscal Cost {H & S}  
 6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S}

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