



**LEGISLATIVE FISCAL OFFICE  
Fiscal Note**

Fiscal Note On: **SB 22** SLS 24RS 199  
 Bill Text Version: **ENGROSSED**  
 Opp. Chamb. Action:  
 Proposed Amd.:  
 Sub. Bill For.:

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**Subject:** Scholarships for spouses of disabled or killed police officers

COLLEGES/UNIVERSITIES EG DECREASE SG RV See Note Page 1 of 1  
 Creates scholarships for spouses of police officers killed or disabled in performance of duty. (gov sig)

Present law provides for scholarships for the children of police officers and deputy sheriffs killed or disabled in the performance of duty. Proposed legislation extends this benefit to the spouse of officers injured in the performance of his or her duties which causes death or results in an inability to be employed. If the spouse is otherwise eligible and meets all of the entrance requirements of a college or university, he or she shall be awarded an exemption, lasting no more than 10 semesters, which covers all fees, tuition, or other charges, including room and board. In addition, the spouse shall be entitled to a cash grant of \$250 per semester from the college or university as an allowance for books. Proposed legislation defines "spouse" as the wife or husband of a police officer or deputy sheriff living in the same household and dependent upon the officer for support. Proposed legislation includes a police officer injured in the performance of duty and such injury results in an inability to be employed to the benefits enumerated above.

EXPENDITURES	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	5 -YEAR TOTAL
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	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<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>

REVENUES	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Agy. Self-Gen.	<b>DECREASE</b>	<b>DECREASE</b>	<b>DECREASE</b>	<b>DECREASE</b>	<b>DECREASE</b>	
Ded./Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Local Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<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.

**REVENUE EXPLANATION**  
 Similar to other statutory exemptions on tuition, required fees, room and board, and stipends for books; postsecondary institutions will be required to absorb the decrease in SGR from exempting these students. The actual number of individuals who would qualify for and utilize the proposed program is unknown.

The average annual tuition and fees for a full-time (12 hours per semester) resident student in the 2023-2024 academic year is \$4,287 at a 2-year institution and \$8,898 at a 4-year institution.

Room and board costs vary greatly at each campus and even at the various housing facilities and meal plans chosen by the particular student. Revenue loss will depend on the extent to which this particular exemption is requested. Estimated figures chosen at random to illustrate on-campus housing and meal plan costs include the following: \$7,300 at Southern University A&M, \$10,617 at Northwestern State, \$10,468 at LSU-E, \$10,800 at LA Tech, \$11,030 at LSU-S, \$13,959 at UL-Lafayette, and \$14,696 at LSU A&M.

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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