

**LEGISLATIVE FISCAL OFFICE**  
**Fiscal Note**



Fiscal Note On: **HB 385** HLS 24RS 782

Bill Text Version: **ENROLLED**

Opp. Chamb. Action:

Proposed Amd.:

Sub. Bill For.:

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

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Provides relative to survivors' education benefits

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 or in the line of duty, died from causes related to a service-connected disability incurred during wartime, or was rated 90% to 100% service-connected disabled by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs prior to death. Current law requires the veteran to be a resident of the state at least 12 months before enlistment or for 24 months prior to their death. Proposed law lowers this residency time frame to 12 months prior to death and adds a new residency provision to include veterans who were permanently assigned and reported for duty to an active, National Guard, or Reserve installation or assignment in Louisiana.

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.

<b>EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>2024-25</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>	<b>2027-28</b>	<b>2028-29</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	\$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>
<b>REVENUES</b>	<b>2024-25</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>	<b>2027-28</b>	<b>2028-29</b>	<b>5 -YEAR TOTAL</b>
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>	
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<b>Annual Total</b>						

**EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION**

The majority of postsecondary institutions report minimal impact or indeterminable impact on expenditures that 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 2023-24 academic year is reported at \$4,287 at 2-year institutions and \$8,898 at 4-year institutions for a resident, undergraduate student enrolled in 12 hours of coursework per semester. The actual amount of revenue loss will be dependent on the number of qualifying students who choose to enroll at a particular institution.

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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