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Fiscal Note

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Bill Text Version: **ENGROSSED**

Opp. Chamb. Action:

Proposed Amd.:

Sub. Bill For.:

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Provides with respect to the tuition exemption for family members of the La. National Guard

Present law provides that if a member of the La. National Guard dies while serving in federal active duty service or in combat, his surviving spouse and his child or children shall be eligible to enroll in an institution of higher education in this state and shall be exempt from tuition charges. Proposed law retains present law and extends it to a spouse or children of members killed while serving in state active duty.

EXPENDITURES	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Ded./Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Local Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Annual Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

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EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

The proposed legislation may result in an increase in state general fund expenditures to the extent that a member of the Louisiana National Guard (LANG) dies as a result of one or more wounds, injuries, or illnesses while serving on state active duty and has a surviving spouse or children who become eligible to enroll in a Louisiana public institution of higher learning tuition free. Present law currently only allows this exemption to those LANG members who serve on federal active duty.

The LANG notes that only three members of the LANG were killed since 2005 while serving on state active duty. Therefore, based on historical data, the proposed legislation should have minimal expenditure impact in future fiscal years.

To the extent that a surviving spouse or children are exempted from tuition as a result of this legislation, an increase in state general fund expenditures is anticipated to fund the loss of tuition revenue at higher education institutions. The estimated increase in cost per person who becomes eligible for this tuition exemption is approximately \$2,640 per year (average tuition per credit hour is currently \$110 x 12 hours x 2 semesters).

REVENUE EXPLANATION

There is no anticipated direct material effect on governmental revenues as a result of this measure. Any loss of tuition revenue by state higher education institutions is anticipated to be funded through state general fund or its equivalent.

Senate	Dual Referral Rules	House	<i>Evan Brasseaux</i>
☐ 13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S&H}		☐ 6.8(F)1 >= \$500,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S}	
		☐ 6.8(F)2 >= \$100,000 Annual SGF Cost {H&S}	
☐ 13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S&H}		☐ 6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S}	Evan Brasseaux Staff Director