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Opp. Chamb. Action:

Proposed Amd.:

Sub. Bill For.:

Table with 2 rows and 4 columns: Date, Dept./Agy., Subject, Author, Analyst. Row 1: Date: June 20, 2011 12:59 PM, Author: LORUSSO. Row 2: Dept./Agy.: Higher Education, Analyst: Charley Rome. Row 3: Subject: Tuition Exemption for National Guard Spouses and Children.

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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.

Table with 7 columns: EXPENDITURES, 2011-12, 2012-13, 2013-14, 2014-15, 2015-16, 5 -YEAR TOTAL. Rows include State Gen. Fd., Agy. Self-Gen., Ded./Other, Federal Funds, Local Funds, and Annual Total for both EXPENDITURES and REVENUES.

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.