

Department of Planning and Budget 2022 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB768

House of Origin Introduced Substitute Engrossed
Second House In Committee Substitute Enrolled

2. Patron: Reeves

3. Committee: Finance and Appropriations

4. Title: Virginia Military Survivors and Dependents Education Program.

5. Summary: Extends eligibility for tuition and fee waivers pursuant to the Virginia Military Survivors and Dependents Education Program to students who are stepchildren of deceased military service members who are described in the section, provided the service member claimed the stepchild on their tax return or Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System for three years prior to their death. Allows the Commissioner of the Department of Veterans Services to waive domicile requirements for tuition and fee waiver recipients if such requirements are not met because the military service member or surviving spouse dies before such requirements are met.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Preliminary. See Item 8.

8. Fiscal Implications: This bill would increase the number of students receiving tuition and fee waivers at institutions of higher education, thereby reducing revenue for operations at those institutions. The amount of lost revenue is indeterminate at this time.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Public institutions of higher education, Department of Veterans Services.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: This bill makes no changes to eligibility for stipends from the Virginia Military Survivors and Dependents Education Fund established in § 23.1-608.1, Code of Virginia, so students made eligible for tuition and fee waivers by the bill would remain ineligible for stipends from that fund, administered by the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia.