

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
OVERSIGHT DIVISION

FISCAL NOTE

L.R. No.: 5553-01
Bill No.: SB 855
Subject: Education, Higher; Veterans
Type: Original
Date: February 2, 2016

Bill Summary: This proposal establishes the tuition grant program for spouses and children of war veterans.

FISCAL SUMMARY

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019
General Revenue	(Up to \$289,400)	(Up to \$289,400)	(Up to \$289,400)
Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue	(Up to \$289,400)	(Up to \$289,400)	(Up to \$289,400)

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>Other</u> State Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

Numbers within parentheses: () indicate costs or losses.
This fiscal note contains 5 pages.

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FULL TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE)			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019
Total Estimated Net Effect on FTE	0	0	0

Estimated Net Effect (expenditures or reduced revenues) expected to exceed \$100,000 in any of the three fiscal years after implementation of the act.

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019
Local Government	\$0	\$0	\$0

FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

Oversight was unable to receive some of the agency responses in a timely manner due to the short fiscal note request time. Oversight has presented this fiscal note on the best current information that we have or on prior year information regarding a similar bill. Upon the receipt of agency responses, Oversight will review to determine if an updated fiscal note should be prepared and seek the necessary approval of the chairperson of the Joint Committee on Legislative Research to publish a new fiscal note.

Oversight notes this proposal extends the sunset on the Wartime Veterans Survivor Grant Program. The program provides up to 25 grants annually to the spouse or children of Missouri veterans who died or became disabled from combat. The grant includes tuition (capped at the rate charged by the University of Missouri) plus up to \$2,000 for room and board and \$500 for books per semester. Based on 12 semester hours, the maximum annual award is \$11,576 per grant.

Table 1 - Historical Data on Program

	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015 Projected	FY 2016 Projected
Number of Individuals	10	9	7	15	15
Total Awards	\$40,285	\$216,717	\$191,682	\$241,250	\$241,250

Source: Department of Higher Education

Oversight notes this grant program originally sunset on August 28, 2014. This proposal would extend the sunset until August 28, 2020. Oversight will show the impact as Up to the maximum award amount of \$289,400 (25 awards x \$11,576 maximum award) allowed per statute.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019
GENERAL REVENUE			
<u>Cost - Dept of Higher Education - extension of the wartime veterans grant program</u>	(Up to <u>\$289,400</u>)	(Up to <u>\$289,400</u>)	(Up to <u>\$289,400</u>)
ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE	(Up to <u>\$289,400</u>)	(Up to <u>\$289,400</u>)	(Up to <u>\$289,400</u>)
<u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u>	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019
	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

FISCAL IMPACT - Small Business

No direct fiscal impact to small businesses would be expected as a result of this proposal.

FISCAL DESCRIPTION

The Wartime Veteran's Survivor Grant program sunset in 2014. This act re-authorizes the program, which provides higher education financial aid to the spouses and children of wartime veterans.

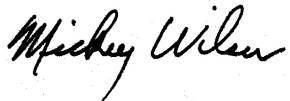
This act shall sunset on August 28, 2020, unless reauthorized by the General Assembly.

This act contains an emergency clause.

This legislation is not federally mandated, would not duplicate any other program and would not require additional capital improvements or rental space.

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SOURCES OF INFORMATION

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