

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
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FISCAL NOTE

L.R. No.: 4912-03
Bill No.: Truly Agreed to and Finally Passed SCS for HB 2047
Subject: Education, Higher, Higher Education Dept., National Guard
Type: Original
Date: May 7, 2002

FISCAL SUMMARY

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON STATE FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> State Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005
Local Government	\$0	\$0	\$0

Numbers within parentheses: () indicate costs or losses.
This fiscal note contains 4 pages.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

Officials from **The University of Missouri, Truman State University, and Southwest Missouri State University** assume no fiscal impact to their organizations.

In response to a previous version of this proposal, officials from the **Department of Public Safety - Division of Veterans Affairs**, assumed no fiscal impact to their organization.

In response to a previous version of this proposal, officials from the **Coordinating Board for Higher Education** assumed this proposal would result in an unknown cost to the state General Revenue Fund for tuition and fee refunds, and for the publication of rules regarding refunds or incomplete grades to students called into military service.

In response to a similar proposal, officials from **Central Missouri State University** assumed no fiscal impact to their organizations.

Officials from the **Department of Public Safety - Missouri National Guard** estimated that fewer than 100 students per year would qualify for this provision.

Oversight assumes the number of students who would become eligible for tuition refunds or incomplete grades as a result of this proposal would be small, and the minimal related cost could be absorbed from existing resources.

ASSUMPTION (continued)

Officials from the **Office of the Secretary of State** (SOS) assume this bill would require the Department of Higher Education to promulgate rules expanding the criteria allowing college students called into military service to qualify for tuition refunds and "incomplete" grades. Based on experience with other divisions, the rules, regulations and forms issued by the Department could require as many as approximately 4 pages in the Code of State Regulations. For any given rule, roughly one-half again as many pages are published in the Missouri Register as are published in the Code because of the documents required with the proposed rule as cost statements, fiscal notes and notices that are not published in the Code. Publication of an emergency rule and the resolution will require approximately 25 additional pages to be printed in the Missouri Register. The estimated cost of a page in the Missouri Register is \$23.00. The estimated cost of a page in the Code of State Regulations is \$27.00. The actual costs could be more or less than the numbers given. The impact of this legislation in future years is unknown and depends upon the frequency and length of rules filed, amended, rescinded and withdrawn. [(4 x \$27) + (6 x \$23)= \$138]

Oversight assumes the SOS could absorb the costs of printing and distributing regulations related to this proposal. If multiple bills pass which require the printing and distribution of regulations at substantial costs, the SOS could request funding through the appropriation process. Any decisions to raise fees to defray costs would likely be made in subsequent fiscal years.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2003 (10 Mo.)	FY 2004	FY 2005
	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
<u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u>	FY 2003 (10 Mo.)	FY 2004	FY 2005
	<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.

DESCRIPTION

This proposal would allow students of public institutions of higher education who are members of the National Guard called to active service to be eligible to receive a refund of tuition.

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

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Southwest Missouri State University
Coordinating Board for Higher Education
Truman State University
The University of Missouri
Department of Public Safety
 Division of Veterans Affairs
Department of Public Safety
 Missouri National Guard



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