



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS
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FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL: 1533

PRINTER'S NO: 1900

PRIME SPONSOR: George

FISCAL IMPACT SUMMARY	FY 2008/09	FY 2009/10
Expenditure Increase/(Decrease):		
General Fund	\$0	See Analysis

OVERVIEW:

House Bill 1533 extends and amends the Military Family Relief Program, Act 65 of 2005. The Military Family Relief Program was established to provide financial assistance (grants) to members of the Armed Forces, and their families, for needs such as food, shelter, clothing, medical care, and other necessities in an emergency situation.

The remainder of the act takes effect in 60 days.

ANALYSIS:

This legislation will extend the sunset of the Act from 2010 to June 30, 2016; define the term eligible service member to include members of the PA National Guard; provide for families receiving relief funds to continue receiving funds for up to one year after the service member is released from active duty; provide for a two year extension in relief funds for service members discharged honorably for medical reasons arising from their military service; provide that the medical condition must not be pre-existing; provide that the medical disability must have occurred while on active duty other than for training and must have occurred during state active duty for 30 or more days; provide that a member must be a resident of Pennsylvania at the time of application for assistance versus at time of enlistment.

There is no fiscal impact for these program changes. The legislation does not change the maximum grant of \$2,500 to be paid in any twelve-month period.

The program is funded through the voluntary contribution system and an income tax check-off box (in Section 315.8 of the Tax Reform Code of 1971). Fiscal summary of the program is:

Item / FY	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08
Beginning FY Balance	\$ -	\$ 146,784	\$ 302,500
Private Donations	\$ 31,061	\$ 29,135	\$ 16,891
Tax Checkoff	\$ 116,479	\$ 155,481	\$ 141,610
Available Revenue	\$ 147,540	\$ 331,400	\$ 461,001
Less Grants	\$ 756	\$ 28,900	\$ 43,130
Ending Balance June 30	\$ 146,784	\$ 302,500	\$ 417,871

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