

# SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE

**BILL NO.** Senate Bill 707

**PRINTER'S NO.** 694

**AMOUNT**

No Fiscal Impact

**FUND**

General Fund

**DATE INTRODUCED**

February 28, 2011

**PRIME SPONSOR**

Senator Solobay

**HISTORY OF BILL**

Referred to VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS, Feb. 28, 2011

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First consideration, May 24, 2011

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**DESCRIPTION AND PURPOSE OF BILL**

Senate Bill 707 amends §7313 of Title 51 (Military Affairs) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes by adding spouses to the Educational Leave of Absence status for members of the Pennsylvania National Guard or reserve component of the U.S. Armed Forces.

This legislation allows a spouse of a person on active military duty to take academic leave from an educational institution without loss of credits earned, scholarships or grants awarded or tuition and other fees paid prior to the commencement of the military duty.

Current law only allows for an educational leave of absence to the member called to active duty.

This act would take effect in 60 days.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

This legislation simply expands the same educational leave requirements to a spouse of a member of the Pennsylvania National Guard or other armed forces called to active duty and would not have any effect on the General Fund or any educational assistance programs in place. Therefore, the enactment of this legislation would have no fiscal impact on Commonwealth funds.