

SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE

BILL NO. House Bill 1050

PRINTER NO. 1779

AMOUNT

No Fiscal Impact

FUND

General Fund

DATE INTRODUCED

April 5, 2019

PRIME SPONSOR

Representative Burns

DESCRIPTION

House Bill 1050 amends the act of December 15, 1982 (P.L.1266, No.287), entitled "An act conferring limited residency status on military personnel, their dependents and civilian personnel assigned to an active duty station in Pennsylvania" to provide for in-state higher education tuition rates for reassigned military personnel and their dependents.

This legislation guarantees that veterans, their spouses and dependent children; military personnel, their spouses and dependent children; and civilian personnel, their spouses and dependent children shall be considered residents of the Commonwealth for purposes of receiving the in-state tuition rate at public institutions of higher learning or state-related/state-owned institutions and the local sponsor rate at community colleges if the prospective student:

- 1) Deposits funds confirming their intent to enroll;
- 2) Begins enrollment within the corresponding term for which the deposit was made; and
- 3) Remains in continuous enrollment at the institution.

Under current law, the act establishes residency for a student on the first day of the semester or term of the institution, and such student is eligible for the in-state tuition rate at public institutions of higher learning, state-related/state-owned institutions, and community colleges.

This act shall take effect in 60 days.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The intent of this legislation is to prevent students from losing the in-state tuition rate or the local sponsor tuition rate due to a military reassignment to another state. According to the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs, the number of students currently affected is unknown and believed to be minimal. Enactment of this legislation will have no fiscal impact on Commonwealth funds although there may be a minimal fiscal impact on some community colleges, state-related universities and state-owned universities.