

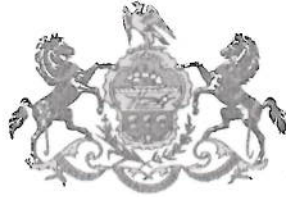
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**Senate of Pennsylvania**

**TO: All Senators**

**FROM: Senator Timothy J. Solobay**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'T. Solobay'.

**SUBJECT: Cosponsorship - Educational leave of absence for military spouse.**

**DATE: January 25, 2011**

In the near future, I will introduce legislation that will provide for an educational leave of absence for a spouse of any member of the Pennsylvania National Guard or other reserve component of the armed forces of the United States.

Under current law, an educational leave of absence may be provided to military personnel called to active duty. The educational institution in which they are enrolled shall grant the member a leave of absence without the loss of academic credits earned, scholarships or grants awarded, or tuition and fees paid prior to the commencement of the military duty.

This legislation would extend the benefit to the spouse of an activated Guardsman or reservist. We all know how important the family unit is to those that serve. Families often face difficult decisions and make harsh sacrifices to support those who have been deployed. It is my hope that this legislation may alleviate a hardship for those spouses that are simply unable to continue with their education at this time.

If you are interested in co-sponsoring this legislation, please contact Mary at [mflaherty@pasenate.com](mailto:mflaherty@pasenate.com) or by phone at 787-1463.

Thank you.