

Department of Planning and Budget 2022 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB768

House of Origin	<input type="checkbox"/>	Introduced	<input type="checkbox"/>	Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/>	Engrossed
Second House	<input type="checkbox"/>	In Committee	<input type="checkbox"/>	Substitute	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Enrolled

2. Patron: Reeves

3. Committee: Passed Both Houses

4. Title: Virginia Military Survivors and Dependents Education Program.

5. Summary: Extends eligibility for tuition and fee waivers pursuant to the Virginia Military Survivors and Dependents Education Program to students who are stepchildren of deceased military service members who are described in the section, provided the service member claimed the stepchild on their tax return or Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System while serving on active duty. The bill also provides that the Commissioner of the Department of Veterans Services may consider the domicile or physical presence requirements with reference to the surviving spouse or surviving student, as applicable, for qualified survivors and dependents to be eligible for a waiver of tuition and mandatory fees if such requirements are not met because the military service member or surviving spouse dies after having established physical presence within the Commonwealth but before such requirements can be met.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Final. See Item 8.

8. Fiscal Implications: This bill would increase the number of students receiving tuition and fee waivers at institutions of higher education, thereby reducing revenue for operations at those institutions. The amount of lost revenue is indeterminate at this time.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Public institutions of higher education, Department of Veterans Services.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: This bill makes no changes to eligibility for stipends from the Virginia Military Survivors and Dependents Education Fund established in § 23.1-608.1, Code of Virginia, so students made eligible for tuition and fee waivers by the bill would remain ineligible for stipends from that fund, administered by the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia.