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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6252

BILL NUMBER: HB 1333

DATE PREPARED: Nov 15, 1999

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Tuition exemptions for stepchildren of veterans.

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**FUNDS AFFECTED: X GENERAL
DEDICATED
FEDERAL**

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: This bill specifies that the following persons are eligible to receive tuition exemptions as the relatives of veterans: (1) A person whose stepmother or stepfather served in the armed forces of the United States, if the stepmother or stepfather received the Purple Heart decoration or was wounded as a result of enemy action and received any discharge or separation from the armed forces other than a dishonorable discharge. (2) A person whose stepmother or stepfather served before July 1, 1999, in the armed forces of the United States during any war or performed duty equally hazardous that was recognized by the award of a service or campaign medal of the United States, if the stepmother or stepfather suffered a service connected death or disability and received any discharge or separation from the armed forces other than a dishonorable discharge.

Effective Date: July 1, 2000.

Explanation of State Expenditures: This bill would increase the level of statutory fee remissions for state-supported colleges and universities. The university's general fund absorbs the costs of fee remissions. Universities must provide statutory remissions first; the remainder of the money is discretionary. As statutory requirements increase, the level of discretionary dollars decreases.

The Department of Veterans Affairs reports no known figures on the number of persons who might qualify as stepchildren and receive fee remissions. Consequently, the number of individuals whom the expanded benefits of this provision could affect is indeterminable.

The following table illustrates the number of students in FY 1998 and FY 1999 whom state supported institutions estimate will receive fee remissions under the current Children of Disabled Veterans statute. The FY 1998-99 amounts are estimated based on historic trends.

	1997-98 (actual)			1998-99 (estimated)		
	<u>awards</u>	<u>amount</u>	<u>avg. award</u>	<u>awards</u>	<u>amount</u>	<u>avg. award</u>
Ball State	489	\$1,046,915	\$2,141	495	\$1,120,199	\$2,263
Indiana State	218	\$400,609	\$1,838	225	\$430,000	\$1,911
Indiana University	4,261	\$2,995,787	\$703	4,608	\$3,181,193	\$690
Ivy Tech	1,592	\$1,188,493	\$747	1,765	\$1,317,975	\$747
Purdue University	814	\$1,840,935	\$2,262	854	\$1,941,800	\$2,274
University of Southern Indiana	209	\$249,728	\$1,195	209	\$251,137	\$1,202
Vincennes	<u>190</u>	<u>\$219,958</u>	<u>\$1,158</u>	<u>200</u>	<u>\$250,000</u>	<u>\$1,250</u>
Statewide Totals	7,773	\$7,942,425	\$1,022	8,356	\$8,492,304	\$1,016

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: Higher Education Institutions

Local Agencies Affected:

Information Sources: Table VIII of State Appropriation Requests for 1999-2001 for Indiana University, Ball State University, Indiana State University, Indiana University, Ivy Tech, Purdue University, University of Southern Indiana, Vincennes University