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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 6728**

**BILL NUMBER:** SB 282

**NOTE PREPARED:** Dec 26, 2005

**BILL AMENDED:**

**SUBJECT:** National Guard Tuition Supplement Program.

**FIRST AUTHOR:** Sen. Young R

**FIRST SPONSOR:**

**BILL STATUS:** As Introduced

**FUNDS AFFECTED:** X GENERAL  
DEDICATED  
FEDERAL

**IMPACT:** State

**Summary of Legislation:** This bill allows a person who applies for a scholarship from the National Guard Tuition Supplement Program and meets the requirements of that program to receive or renew the scholarship without complying with any eligibility period established by the State Student Assistance Commission of Indiana (SSACI).

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2006.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:** It is unknown the additional number of students that might be eligible for the National Guard Tuition Supplement program. The number is probably small.

*Background:* To receive a National Guard Tuition Supplement Grant, the person must be certified by SSACI and the Indiana National Guard and attend a state-funded college or university. The SSACI eligibility requirements include the annual filing of a Free Application for Federal Student Aid. The application must be received by March 10<sup>th</sup> of each year. If the student is determined to be dependent on their parents for financial support, the parents must be residents of Indiana since at least December 31<sup>st</sup> of the previous year.

The student must be a high school graduate or have a GED. The student must be seeking their first associate or bachelor degree. The student must use the state grants within 10 years from when the grant is first used. The student can receive a total of eight semesters of state aid.

For FY 2005 the State Student Assistance Commission awarded 780 scholarships worth \$2,120,394, for an average award of \$2,718 for the National Guard Supplemental program. To date during FY 2006, 860 students

have been offered scholarships totaling \$3,372,490, for an average offer of \$3,833. The legislature appropriated \$3 M in FY 2006 and \$3.3 M in FY 2007 for this program. P.L. 246-2005 (the Budget Bill) also states that if the dollar amounts of eligible awards for the National Guard Supplemental program exceed the appropriations and program reserves, the State Student Assistance Commission shall develop a plan to ensure that the total dollar amount does not exceed the above appropriations and any program reserves.

**Explanation of State Revenues:**

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:**

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**State Agencies Affected:** State Student Assistance Commission; State Universities.

**Local Agencies Affected:**

**Information Sources:** State Student Assistance Commission.

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