

**COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY STATE FISCAL NOTE STATEMENT  
LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH COMMISSION  
2017 REGULAR SESSION**

**MEASURE**

2017 BR NUMBER **1725**

**HOUSE** BILL NUMBER **481**

RESOLUTION NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

AMENDMENT NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

**SUBJECT/TITLE** **An ACT relating to tuition benefits.**

**SPONSOR** **Representative Hart**

**NOTE SUMMARY**

FISCAL ANALYSIS:  IMPACT     NO IMPACT     INDETERMINABLE IMPACT

LEVEL(S) OF IMPACT:  STATE     LOCAL     FEDERAL

BUDGET UNIT(S) IMPACT: **Public Postsecondary Institutions; Vocational Training Institutions**

FUND(S) IMPACT:  GENERAL     ROAD     FEDERAL     RESTRICTED AGENCY Tuition and Fees     OTHER

**FISCAL SUMMARY**

FISCAL ESTIMATES	2016-2017	2017-2018	ANNUAL IMPACT AT FULL IMPLEMENTATION
<b>REVENUES</b>		(Indeterminable)	(Indeterminable)
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>		(Indeterminable)	(Indeterminable)
<b>NET EFFECT</b>		(Indeterminable)	(Indeterminable)

( ) indicates a decrease/negative

**MEASURE'S PURPOSE:** This measure limits the undergraduate tuition waiver to children between ages 17 and 26 of deceased or permanently and totally disabled law enforcement officers, firefighters, or volunteer firefighters, upon admission to a state-supported postsecondary institution. A 128 credit hour allowance is applied to non-married spouses and children of the same two groups, which results in a tuition waiver increase from 36 months to one hundred 128 credit hours.

**PROVISIONS/MECHANICS:** Section 1 amends KRS 164.2841 to add a limitation to the undergraduate tuition waiver to persons between ages 17 and 26, who are children of active law enforcement officers, firefighters, or volunteer firefighters killed in active service or training. The section further expands the tuition waiver from 36 months to 128 undergraduate credit hours.

The section adds the same age limitations to children and the same credit hour limitations to non-married spouses and children of deceased participants in state-administered retirement systems, who died of a duty-related injury.

Section 2 amends KRS 164.2842 to add a limitation to the undergraduate tuition waivers to persons between ages 17 and 26, relative to active law enforcement officers, firefighters, or volunteer firefighters, disabled through active service or training. The section amends the tuition waiver limitation of 36 months to 128 undergraduate credit hours, a four-year undergraduate equivalency.

**FISCAL EXPLANATION:** The revenues, expenditures, and net fiscal impact of HB 481 upon state-supported postsecondary institutions is projected as indeterminable. Waiver of tuition fees for eligible spouses and children results in indeterminable tuition waiver impacts due to inability to project the number of law enforcement officer and firefighter deaths and permanent disabilities, student qualifications, and benefit usage.

The added age limitation language from 17 and under 26 years old may decrease possible tuition waiver costs. The undergraduate attendance increase from 36 months to 128 undergraduate credit hours, or a four-year undergraduate equivalency, may increase possible tuition waiver costs.

**DATA SOURCE(S):** Ky. Community and Technical College System, Ky. Fire Commission; LRC Staff

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