

**COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY FISCAL NOTE STATEMENT
LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH COMMISSION
2019 REGULAR SESSION**

MEASURE

2019 BR NUMBER 0280

HOUSE BILL NUMBER 72/GA

TITLE AN ACT relating to tuition benefits and making an appropriation therefor.

SPONSOR Representative Rob Rothenburger

FISCAL SUMMARY

STATE FISCAL IMPACT: YES NO UNCERTAIN

OTHER FISCAL STATEMENT(S) THAT MAY APPLY: ACTUARIAL ANALYSIS LOCAL MANDATE CORRECTIONS IMPACT HEALTH BENEFIT MANDATE

APPROPRIATION UNIT(S) IMPACTED: All Public Postsecondary Institutions

FUND(S) IMPACTED: GENERAL ROAD FEDERAL RESTRICTED Tuition and Fees

FISCAL ESTIMATES	2018-2019	2019-2020	ANNUAL IMPACT AT FULL IMPLEMENTATION
REVENUES	(Indeterminable)	(Indeterminable)	(Indeterminable)
EXPENDITURES	(Indeterminable)	(Indeterminable)	(Indeterminable)
NET EFFECT	(Indeterminable)	(Indeterminable)	(Indeterminable)

() indicates a decrease/negative

PURPOSE OF MEASURE: This measure limits the undergraduate tuition waiver to children under age 26 of deceased or permanently and totally disabled law enforcement officers, firefighters, volunteer firefighters, or emergency medical services personnel, 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 128 credit hours.

FISCAL EXPLANATION: The revenues, expenditures, and net fiscal impact of HB72/GA upon state-supported postsecondary institutions are projected as indeterminable. Waiver of tuition fees for eligible spouses and children results in indeterminable tuition impacts due to the inability to project the number of law enforcement officer, firefighter, and emergency medical services personnel deaths and permanent disabilities, student qualifications, and benefit usage.

The added age limitation language to 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 Board of Emergency Medical Services; KY Fire Commission; Council on Postsecondary Education; Justice and Public Safety Cabinet.

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