



126th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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An Act Concerning Postsecondary Tuition Waivers for Children of Veterans

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment " "

Committee: Veterans and Legal Affairs

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

	FY 2013-14	FY 2014-15	Projections FY 2015-16	Projections FY 2016-17
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$60,000	\$61,800	\$63,654	\$65,564
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$60,000	\$61,800	\$63,654	\$65,564

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The bill includes a General Fund appropriation to the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management of \$60,000 in fiscal year 2013-14 and \$61,800 in fiscal year 2014-15 for one Office Associate II position to administer the educational benefits program.

Removing the academic year limit that children of certain veterans have to complete 120 credit hours under the laws regarding postsecondary tuition waivers may increase the amount of tuition revenue waived by the State's public postsecondary educational institutions beginning in fiscal year 2013-14. The impact will depend on actual experience.

Additional costs to the University of Maine System, the Maine Community College System and Maine Maritime Academy to provide the required information to the Bureau of Veterans Services within the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.