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# HOUSE COMMITTEE REPORT

(11)

Date Referred: May 4, 1989

FURTHER REFERRALS:

Date of Committee Action: 2-7-90

The \*FINANCE Committee considered: CS SB 7 (FINANCE) (efd add)

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO: 7 (Finance) (efd add)

[NO TUITION/CERTAIN SURVIVORS/NAT'L GUARD]

"An Act relating to free tuition for a spouse or dependent of certain Alaska militia members; and providing for an effective date."

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

- [  ] be replaced with HCSCSB 7 (FIN) [  ] the same title
- [  ] have attached amendment(s) [  ] a new title
- [  ] do pass
- [  ] do not pass
- [  ] no recommendation
- [  ] individual recommendations
- [  ] additional referral to the \_\_\_\_\_ Committee

ADOPTS: \_\_\_\_\_ letter of intent

ATTACHES NEW FISCAL NOTE(s): \_\_\_\_\_ APPROVES PREVIOUS: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Dept) (Date/Dept)

- [  ] fiscal impact \_\_\_\_\_ [  ] fiscal note(s) \_\_\_\_\_
- [  ] zero fiscal note U of A / MVA [  ] zero fiscal note(s) \_\_\_\_\_
- [  ] zero with analysis \_\_\_\_\_ [  ] zero fn/analysis \_\_\_\_\_

**SIGNING DO PASS:**

**SIGNING:**  
(Check approp. column)

Do Not  
Pass      No Rec      Amend

<u>[Signature]</u> Hoffman	<u>[Signature]</u> BROWN		✓	
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Chairman's Signature

R/O HFC 2-7-90

STATE OF ALASKA  
1990 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

BILL VERSION: HCS CSSB 7 (FIN)  
PUBLISH DATE:

FISCAL NOTE

REQUEST:

Revision Date: February 6, 1990  
Title Relating to free tuition for spouse  
or dependents of certain Alaska Militia.  
Sponsor: Kelly  
Requestor: House Finance Committee

Agency Affected: DMVA  
BRU: \_\_\_\_\_  
Components: \_\_\_\_\_

EXPENDITURES/REVENUES: (Thousands of Dollars)

OPERATING	FY 91	FY 92	FY 93	FY 94	FY 95	FY 96
PERSONAL SERVICES						
TRAVEL						
CONTRACTUAL						
SUPPLIES						
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LAND & STRUCTURES						
GRANTS, CLAIMS						
MISCELLANEOUS						
TOTAL OPERATING	0	0	0	0	0	0

CAPITAL						
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FUNDING: (Thousands of Dollars)

GENERAL FUND						
FEDERAL FUNDS						
OTHER						
TOTAL						

POSITIONS:

FULL-TIME						
PART-TIME						
TEMPORARY						

ANALYSIS : (Attach a separate page if necessary)

Zero fiscal impact

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Phone: 465-4600  
Date: 2/6/90

Approved by Commissioner: MG John Schaeffer  
Agency: Department of Military & Veterans Affairs

Date: 2/6/90

Distribution (by preparer):

- Legislative Finance
- Legislative Sponsor
- Requestor
- Office of Management and Budget
- Impacted Agency(ies)

Original sponsor(s): SEN KELLY, Coghill

1 IN THE SENATE BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE  
2 HOUSE CS FOR CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 7 (Finance)  
3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA  
4 SIXTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION  
5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to free tuition for a spouse or  
7 dependent of certain Alaska militia members; and  
8 providing for an effective date."

9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

10 \* Section 1. AS 14.43 is amended by adding a new section to article 3  
11 to read:

12 Sec. 14.43.085. FREE TUITION AND FEES FOR A SPOUSE OR DEPENDENT  
13 OF ALASKA MILITIA MEMBERS. A person enrolled as a student in good  
14 standing in the state university system, is entitled to a waiver of  
15 tuition and fees, if the person was the spouse or dependent child of a  
16 member of the Alaska National Guard or Alaska Naval Militia who died  
17 while in the line of duty for the state or federal government. In  
18 this section

19 (1) "dependent child" means a person who is less than 23  
20 years of age, who was a dependent of a member of the Alaska National  
21 Guard or Alaska Naval Militia at the time of the member's death, and  
22 who is

23 (A) the member's natural or adopted child;

24 (B) a child in relation to whom the deceased Alaska  
25 National Guard or Alaska Naval Militia member stood in loco  
26 parentis for at least one year before the member's death;

27 (C) the member's stepchild; or

28 (D) the member's acknowledged illegitimate child;

29 (2) "line of duty" has the meaning given under federal law.

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\* Sec. 2. This Act takes effect July 1, 1990.

Amendment

By Rieger

To HCS CS SB 7 (HESS)

Page 1, Lines 14 and 15

delete "attend without payment"

add "a waiver"

DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AND VETERANS AFFAIRS

POSITION PAPER  
HCS CSSB 7 (HESS)

Summary of Bill: This bill would provide for a waiver of tuition and fees at state-supported postsecondary educational institutions (i.e., the various campuses of the University of Alaska) for dependents of members of the Alaska National Guard or Alaska Naval Militia killed in the performance of their duties for either the state or federal government.

Impact of Bill on Department of Military and Veterans Affairs: In the event that members of the Alaska National Guard or Naval Militia died while in the performance of their duties as defined in the bill, the military personnel office in the Office of the Adjutant General would notify any eligible dependents of their benefits, and upon request provide written certification of their eligibility to any state-supported postsecondary educational institutions. No fiscal impact is expected in DMVA as a result of enactment of this legislation.

Departmental Position on Bill: The Department strongly supports the bill's intent. The financial hardship faced by the loss of a family member serving in the Alaska National Guard can be devastating enough to prevent attendance at college by dependents who would otherwise have been able to afford college. Providing this benefit will serve as an additional incentive for recruiting and retaining members in the Alaska National Guard.

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

*J. Morrison*  
for MG John W. Schaeffer

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

2/6/90

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

MEMBER

TENTH ALASKA LEGISLATURE  
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May 3, 1989

MEMORANDUM

To: Rep. Larson, Co-chair  
House Finance Committee

Attn: Carol Collins

From: Sen. Kelly *TDK*

Re: Scheduling SB 7, No tuition/certain survivors/Nat'l  
Guard.

SB 7 passed out of House Health & Social Services Committee this morning and will be read into your finance committee tomorrow. I would appreciate your consideration for an early hearing or waiver for this bill so that final action may be possible this year.

This legislation provides free tuition in the Alaska University system to dependents of Alaska national guardsmen and militiamen who lose their life while acting in the line of duty. It is very similar to what five other states' have established in existing law.

In the last decade, there have been no deaths that would have qualified for such a benefit. So the future fiscal impact should be small if any. The University's fiscal analysis reflects a zero impact. But with the caveat that if someone qualified for the benefit in the future, they would seek reimbursement from the state.

If you need further information or discussion, I am most willing to provide either.

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ALASKA NATIONAL GUARD  
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28 November 1988

2. DECEASED-MEMBER DEPENDENT EDUCATIONAL BENEFITS FOR ALASKA NATIONAL GUARD MEMBERS

A. PROPOSAL: This proposal would enact legislation to provide free tuition and fees at State institutions of higher learning, up to a baccalaureate degree, for the dependents of Alaska National Guard members who die in the line of duty.

B. DISCUSSION: Members of the Alaska National Guard, who die in the line of duty, have made the highest sacrifice. This initiative would show the State's appreciation for that sacrifice.

Currently, there is no free tuition and fees for the survivors of Alaska National Guard members killed in the line of duty. There are several deaths per year among the approximately 4000 Alaska National Guard Personnel. Few deaths have historically occurred in the line of duty.

Members of the Alaska National Guard (approximately 4000) and their spouses (approximately 3000) support this initiative. Also, the Alaska Public Safety Commissioned Officers support this initiative and would like it extended to them.

C. COST: The cost is unknown. Tuition and fees, at an Alaska State institution of higher learning, total \$1467/year. Total cost could be \$5868/dependent, based on an average of four years spent on a bachelor's degree.

D. PRECEDENTS:

ALABAMA: Offers educational benefits for survivors of members killed or disabled in the line of duty.

ALASKA: Offers up to \$7500 plus Workmen's Comp; \$750 burial allowance

COLORADO: Offers free State Tuition for dependents if member killed or disabled on active duty.

MARYLAND: Offers higher education assistance for dependents of members killed or disabled on active duty.

NEBRASKA: Offers spouse and children 100% tuition in State schools if enlisted member dies on active duty.

SOUTH DAKOTA: Offers free tuition at State college for widows or children (under 25) of any Guard member who dies or is totally disabled while on active duty.

TEXAS: Offers free tuition at State schools for orphans of Guardsmen killed in line of duty.

WYOMING: Offers free tuition in State for dependents of Guardsmen killed or permanently disabled while on active duty.

**FISCAL NOTE**

**REQUEST:**

Revision Date: 2/5/90 Agency Affected: University of Alaska  
 Title: "An Act Relating to Free Tuition for a Spouse or Dependent of Certain Alaska Military Members." BRU: UAA, UAF, UAS  
 Sponsor: Kelly and Coghill Components: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Requestor: \_\_\_\_\_

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<b>REVENUE</b>	<b>-0-</b>	<b>-0-</b>	<b>-0-</b>	<b>-0-</b>	<b>-0-</b>	<b>-0-</b>
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**POSITIONS:**

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**ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)**

No individuals currently meet the qualifications of this bill. As individuals become eligible, the university will request reimbursement from the state on a per person basis as follows:

UAA - \$970      UAF - \$1,332      UAS - \$932

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Approved by ~~XXXXXX~~ Vice President *Dr. Dan Rogers* Date: 2/5/90  
 Agency: University of Alaska

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