



FISCAL NOTE

Senate Bill 178

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Senate Bill 178 as introduced would increase the obligations of the Alabama G.I. Dependents Scholarship Program paid by the by Education Trust Fund, by an undetermined amount by allowing the spouses of veterans that were killed or that died while on state active duty status, or whose death results proximately and within three years from an injury sustained while on state active duty status to be reimbursed for tuition, books, and fees. The amount of the increase would be dependent upon the number of eligible spouses of veterans attending the qualifying schools, which would be limited to the Department of Defense Tuition Assistance Cap (currently \$250 per credit hour) and the \$1,000 per semester cap on books and fees and after first applying for other federal, state institutional, and 3rd party scholarships awarded for the academic year. For fiscal year 2022, the average annual program cost was approximately \$5,700 per student.