

Department of Planning and Budget
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Bill Number: SB601

Patron: Reeves

Bill Title: Virginia National Guard State Tuition Assistance Program; grants.

Bill Summary: Requires at least \$50,000 of discretionary annual spending of Virginia National Guard State Tuition Assistance Program grant funds to be used for recruitment. Under current law, discretionary spending on recruitment from grant funds is capped at \$50,000 per fiscal year.

Budget Amendment Necessary: No

Items Impacted: None

Explanation: See fiscal analysis

Fiscal Summary: According to the Department of Military Affairs (DMA), the bill is not anticipated to increase operational costs.

Fiscal Analysis: According to DMA, there is no operational impact as a result of the bill. However, the provisions of the bill do not specify a source of funding for any amounts spent on recruitment efforts beyond the existing \$50,000 annual limit. It is DMA's interpretation of the bill, as it is currently written, that any amount spent on recruitment efforts above \$50,000 will utilize tuition assistance funds, thus reducing the amount of tuition assistance available for National Guard members. However, the bill does not require DMA to spend more than \$50,000 annually, but instead requires them to spend at least \$50,000 annually. As such, the fiscal impact of this bill on DMA's tuition assistance program is indeterminate at this time, but no other operational impacts are anticipated.

Other: None.