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Bill Number: HB417

Patron: Guzman

Bill Title: Public institutions of higher education in the Commonwealth; in-state tuition eligibility; children of certain active duty members and veterans.

Bill Summary: Declares eligible for in-state tuition charges at public institutions of higher education in the Commonwealth, regardless of domicile, any child of an active duty member or veteran who claims Virginia as his home of record, filed Virginia tax returns for the immediately preceding tax year, and filed Virginia tax returns for at least two years during active duty service. Under current law, the child of such an active duty member or veteran is eligible for in-state tuition charges only in the event that his parent filed Virginia tax returns for at least 10 years during active duty service.

Budget Amendment Necessary: No

Items Impacted: None

Explanation: This bill may result in an indeterminate revenue reduction for public institutions of higher education. It's expected institutions would absorb this impact.

Fiscal Summary: Responding institutions anticipate a moderate to significant fiscal impact due to reduction in tuition revenue, as the changes in this bill would increase the number of students who would receive in-state tuition rates instead of out-of-state tuition rates. The overall impact to public institutions of higher education is indeterminate since it is difficult to accurately estimate the number of qualifying students. The impact will vary between institutions due to differences in eligible student population size and tuition rates at each institution.

Other: This fiscal impact statement is preliminary and based on feedback received from public institutions of higher education as of the date of publication.