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STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT
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Bill Number: H. 4078 Amended by House Education and Public Works on February 13, 2018
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Subject: Military Priority Registration Act
Requestor: House Education and Public Works
RFA Analyst(s): Powell
Impact Date: February 14, 2018

Estimate of Fiscal Impact

	FY 2018-19	FY 2019-20
State Expenditure		
General Fund	\$0	\$0
Other and Federal	\$0	\$0
Full-Time Equivalent Position(s)	0.00	0.00
State Revenue		
General Fund	\$0	\$0
Other and Federal	\$0	\$0
Local Expenditure	\$0	\$0
Local Revenue	\$0	\$0

Fiscal Impact Summary

The bill creates a priority course enrollment framework for military-related students at the state’s public institutions of higher learning. Assigning student enrollment priority is an activity that is conducted in the normal course of agency business. We expect any additional costs will be managed within existing appropriations and authorizations. As a result, this bill does not have an expenditure impact on the General Fund, Federal Funds, or Other Funds.

Explanation of Fiscal Impact

Amended on February 13, 2018

State Expenditure

This bill creates the Military Priority Registration Act, which provides a framework for priority course enrollment for military-related students. The framework provides priority enrollment as follows:

Student Type	Enrollment Priority
Undergraduate	Assigned priority appointments within class year.
Graduate	Assigned appointments one day before other graduate students.
Professional	May request priority enrollment for courses required for graduation.
All Students – January & Summer Terms	Assigned appointments in the first enrollment group.

It also defines military-related students and sets out a timeline in which documentation must be submitted to the student's college, university, or technical college to determine eligibility for priority registration.

Commission on Higher Education. Commission on Higher Education (CHE) surveyed the public colleges and universities regarding the impact of this bill. The bill requires the public colleges and universities to implement the priority registration framework. Most institutions indicated that either there are no costs associated with implementing military priority registration or that any implementation costs will be minimal and can easily be managed within existing appropriations. The College of Charleston provided further explanation to quantify this minimal impact. It will incur a non-recurring Other Funds expenditure impact of \$10,000 for reprogramming its registration computer system and training faculty, and a recurring impact of \$5,000 associated with ongoing maintenance of the priority registration system and training.

CHE indicated that responses had not been provided by Clemson University, South Carolina State University, and Winthrop University.

State Board for Technical and Comprehensive Education. The State Board for Technical and Comprehensive Education (Tech Board) responded on behalf of the technical colleges. The bill requires the technical colleges to implement the priority registration framework. The Tech Board indicated that there will be no expenditure impact as a result of implementing military priority enrollment. Any implementation costs will be minimal and can be managed within existing appropriations and authorizations.

State Revenue

N/A

Local Expenditure

N/A

Local Revenue

N/A



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