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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6230

BILL NUMBER: HB 1165

NOTE PREPARED: Feb 19, 2009

BILL AMENDED: Feb 16, 2009

SUBJECT: Public Safety Survivors Tuition and Fee Exemption.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Tyler

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: 2nd Reading - 1st House

FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
 DEDICATED
 FEDERAL

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: (Amended) This bill exempts the children of a public safety officer who is killed in the line of duty from the payment of tuition and regularly assessed fees for up to eight semesters at a state educational institution or technical school. (Currently, the children must be younger than 23 years of age to use the benefit.)

Effective Date: July 1, 2009.

Explanation of State Expenditures: (Revised) The bill could increase the state cost of tuition remission for the children of public safety officers who are killed in the line of duty. The number of these children who are more than 23 years of age who might apply for the fee remission is unknown. The number is probably small. The bill also limits the exemption to eight semesters or the equivalent. The provision could be a unknown savings.

Background: The following table shows the number and dollar amount of tuition remission for children of public safety officers who are killed in the line of duty.

Year	Dollar Amount	Students	Avg.
2008	\$36,875	11	\$3,503
2007	\$27,599	8	\$3,450
2006	\$15,082	6	\$2,514
2005	\$18,705	5	\$3,741
2004	\$23,643	6	\$3,941

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

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State Agencies Affected: State Student Assistance Commission; State educational institutions.

Local Agencies Affected:

Information Sources: State Student Assistance Commission's Annual Report.

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