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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6130
BILL NUMBER: SB 115

NOTE PREPARED: Mar 12, 2013
BILL AMENDED: Feb 21, 2013

SUBJECT: Combat to College Program.

FIRST AUTHOR: Sen. Glick
FIRST SPONSOR: Rep. VanDenburgh

BILL STATUS: CR Adopted - 2nd House

**FUNDS AFFECTED: X GENERAL
DEDICATED
FEDERAL**

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: (Amended) This bill requires state educational institutions that have at least 200 veteran students enrolled to establish a Combat to College Program (Program).

The bill requires a state educational institution to:

1. Provide a centralized location for admissions, registration, and financial administration services for veteran students;
2. Provide reasonable accommodations for disabled veteran students at a state educational institution's fitness facility;
3. Develop programs to provide academic guidance specifically to veteran students;
4. Develop programs to provide access to counseling services or resources to veteran students who are disabled or suffering from posttraumatic stress disorder; and
5. Develop job search programs designed for veteran students.

The bill requires each state educational institution to designate a Combat to College Program coordinator.

Effective Date: July 1, 2013.

Explanation of State Expenditures: (Revised) The bill could have a minor impact on state educational institutions that have at least 200 veteran students.

(1) The bill requires state educational institutions to provide a central location for admissions, registration for classes, and financial administration services for veteran students. This may require state educational

institutions to physically move some personnel within the institution, but the cost of these requirements should be minor.

(2) The bill requires state educational institutions to develop programs to provide reasonable access to specialized counseling services or resources for veteran students who are disabled or veteran students suffering from posttraumatic stress disorder. The impact of this requirement should be minor relative to disabled veteran students since state educational institutions should be providing reasonable accommodations for all disabled students under the Americans with Disabilities Act.

(3) The bill requires state educational institutions to develop programs to provide academic and career counseling and job search assistance to veteran students. The development and implementation of these programs could result in some minor one-time costs.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

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State Agencies Affected: State educational institutions.

Local Agencies Affected:

Information Sources:

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