



Ohio Legislative Service Commission

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Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

Bill: [H.B. 449 of the 130th G.A.](#)

Date: March 18, 2014

Status: As Introduced

Sponsor: Rep. Gonzales

Local Impact Statement Procedure Required: No

Contents: Eliminates the requirement that a qualifying veteran or veteran's spouse or dependent establish domicile in Ohio to qualify for in-state tuition rates at state institutions of higher education

State Fiscal Highlights

- On a per student basis, state institutions will receive less tuition revenue from qualifying veterans and their spouses and dependents, who will be eligible for in-state tuition due to the bill's changes. This lower tuition revenue may be partially offset by higher state subsidy payments.

Local Fiscal Highlights

- No direct fiscal effect on political subdivisions.

Detailed Fiscal Analysis

Under current law, certain qualifying veterans and their spouses and dependents do not have to meet the general requirement that a person maintain a 12-month place of residence in Ohio in order to be eligible for in-state tuition rates at state institutions of higher education. Instead, the veteran (unless the veteran is deceased) and the student (if the student is the spouse or dependent) must establish domicile in Ohio on the first day of the term of enrollment in the institution. The bill eliminates this domicile requirement, so that qualifying veterans and their spouses and dependents are eligible for in-state tuition rates regardless of whether or not they reside in Ohio. In-state tuition rates are significantly lower than out-of-state tuition rates,¹ so, on a per student basis, state institutions will receive less tuition revenue from students who will qualify for in-state tuition due to the bill's changes. This lower tuition revenue may be partially offset by higher state subsidy payments, since only in-state students qualify for state subsidy.

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¹ For example, Ohio State University is charging in-state students \$10,010 and out-of-state students \$25,726 for tuition and fees in the current school year.