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AN ACT CONCERNING IN-STATE STUDENT STATUS FOR SPOUSES AND CHILDREN OF CERTAIN MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 20 \$	FY 21 \$
Higher Education Constituent Units	Tuition Fund - Potential Revenue Loss	Potential Minimal	Potential Minimal

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill, which further extends in-state tuition rates to immediate family members of active duty military who have moved out-of-state, results in a potential minimal tuition revenue loss to the higher education constituent units. The potential revenue loss on a per-student basis is equal to the difference between in-state and out-of-state tuition revenue, which is anticipated to be the following amounts for undergraduates in FY 20: (1) \$22,667 for the University of Connecticut, (2) \$11,802 on average for the state universities, and (3) \$8,020 for the community colleges. The bill affects spring 2020 tuition and future semesters; the first year of annualized effects will be FY 21.

Any tuition revenue loss is likely to be minimal because the in-state tuition expansion under the bill is not anticipated to affect many students. The University of Connecticut, which has 19 military family members currently receiving in-state tuition, is not aware of any

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students over the past three years that changed to out-of-state tuition due to situations addressed by the bill. (Information from the Board of Regents was unavailable.) The bill expands in-state tuition at the constituent units to: (1) children of military members whose military parent moves out-of-state in the period between acceptance and enrollment (currently in-state tuition is retained if the military parent moves away while the child is enrolled), and (2) spouses of those military members who move out-of-state any time from the spouse's acceptance through enrollment.

The Out Years

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to changes in the difference between in- and out-of-state tuition rates and the number of students affected.