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sSB-638

AN ACT CONCERNING A FEE WAIVER AT PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION FOR CERTAIN VETERANS AND MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL GUARD.

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## ***OFA Fiscal Note***

### ***State Impact:***

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 24 \$	FY 25 \$
Higher Education Constituent Units	Tuition Fund - Revenue Loss	See Below	See Below

***Municipal Impact:*** None

### ***Explanation***

The bill results in a revenue loss to the constituent units of higher education beginning in FY 24 as a result of expanding the higher education tuition waiver program to cover certain extension fees and summer school, for eligible veterans. The revenue loss would be dependent upon the number of veterans who took advantage of the additional fee waivers and the amount of the additional fees waived. It is anticipated that there are approximately 1,500 eligible students within the Connecticut State University System and the Community Colleges, who could take advantage of the additional waivers. The number of eligible students at the University of Connecticut is unknown.

Both extension and summer school fees vary by institution and number of credit hours. For example, the average community college twelve credit hour extension fee is \$2,268 annually. The cost of summer school courses at Central Connecticut State University average \$600 per credit. The overall scope of the revenue loss to the tuition funds of the higher education constituent units is unknown and would vary by the

number of eligible veterans taking advantage of the additional waivers, and the total amount of fees waived.

***The Out Years***

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to additional extension and summer school fee waivers.