

BILL SUMMARY
1st Session of the 59th Legislature

Bill No.:	SB 654
Version:	ENGR
Request Number:	
Author:	Rep. Burns
Date:	4/17/2023
Impact:	\$2,308,314

Research Analysis

The engrossed version of SB 654 creates the Captain Steven L. Farley Goldstar Families Act. The measure waives resident undergrad tuition to a state college or university, or tuition to a CareerTech school, if the student is the spouse or child of a military service person killed in action after September 11, 2001.

The student must exhaust all applicable federal education benefits first. The tuition waiver lasts for five years, or upon completion of a bachelor's degree, whichever comes first.

To be eligible, and retain eligibility, the student must:

- Be an Oklahoma resident;
- Have secured admission to a state college or CareerTech school; and
- Maintain good academic standing and satisfactory progress.

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Fiscal Analysis

In consultation with the State Regents for Higher Education, the following is the estimated fiscal impact for SB 654 in it's current form.

I. Military Personnel

A. National Totals

Active Duty	1,195,079
Reserves	<u>777,217</u>
TOTAL	1,972,296

B. Oklahoma Totals

Active Duty	21,435
Reserves	<u>13,171</u>
TOTAL	34,606

C. Percentage of US Total from Oklahoma	1.75
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II. Active Duty Military Deaths

A. 2006 - 2021	19,378
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B. [Extrapolated] to 2001 - 2022	26,644
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(Source: Congressional Research Service, In Focus, September 9, 2022)

III. Estimated Oklahoma Military Deaths 467

(Total Death X OK % of Total Personnel)

IV. Estimated Eligible Students

A. Surviving Spouse

1. Total Oklahoma Income Tax Returns	1,780,050
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2. Total Joint/Head of Household Returns	907,240
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3. Percentage Joint/HOH to Total	51.0
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4. Estimated Surviving Spouses per Return Data	238
(Estimated Oklahoma Deaths X Pct of Joint/HOH)	

B. Children

1. Average Number of Children by Family	1.94
(Bureau of Labor Statistics; 1960 to 2022; families with own children under 18)	

2. Estimated Eligible Children	227
(Total Oklahoma Military Deaths X Children per Family X .25)	
(Further assumes 25% at or near college age)	

V. Total Estimated Eligible Surviving Spouses and Children 465

VI. Average 2022 Tuition Cost

A. Total FY-22 Resident Tuition	\$
	625,505,811

B. Calculated Full-Time-Equivalent (FTE) Enrollment	126,007
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C. Estimated Average Tuition - All Tiers Combined	\$
	4,964

VII. Estimated Tuition Value Impact	\$
(Total eligible X average tuition)	2,308,314

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Other Considerations

None.