

**BILL SUMMARY**  
1<sup>st</sup> Session of the 59<sup>th</sup> Legislature

<b>Bill No.:</b>	<b>SB654</b>
<b>Version:</b>	<b>FA1</b>
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<b>Impact:</b>	<b>Please see previous summary of this measure</b>

**Research Analysis**

The Floor Substitute for SB 654 creates the Captain Steven L. Farley Goldstar Families Act. The measure waives resident undergrad tuition and fees to a state university or CareerTech for students who are 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.

Further, the measure modifies the Oklahoma National Guard Educational Assistance Act by allowing eligible guard members to receive a tuition waiver to a CareerTech school. The measure also creates the Oklahoma National Guard Educational Certificate Program Assistance Revolving Fund.

**DIFFERENCE BETWEEN FLOOR SUBSTITUTE AND ENGROSSED VERSION**

The Floor Sub also waives fees, whereas the Engrossed version just waived tuition. The Floor sub also modifies the National Guard Educational Assistance Act.

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**Fiscal Analysis**

The measure is currently under review and impact information will be completed.

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**Other Considerations**

None.

