

**BILL SUMMARY**  
2<sup>nd</sup> Session of the 60<sup>th</sup> Legislature

<b>Bill No.:</b>	<b>HB 2961</b>
<b>Version:</b>	<b>INT</b>
<b>Request Number:</b>	<b>14429</b>
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<b>Impact:</b>	<b>Institution-level impact; \$312,000-\$520,000/year</b>

**Research Analysis**

HB 2961, as introduced, provides the spouse and children of a Gold Star recipient with free tuition, fees, and room and board to state public universities or career tech schools. The Gold Star recipient must have been an Oklahoma resident at the time of death, and the spouse or child must maintain residency during enrollment.

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**Fiscal Analysis**

The long-term fiscal impact will be contingent upon how many students are eligible for the benefit and will utilize it. Based upon the available data on fallen servicemembers, it is anticipated that this may apply to 10-15 individuals on an annual basis.

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**Other Considerations**

None.