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# LB 52

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# FISCAL NOTE

## LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ANALYST ESTIMATE

| <b>ESTIMATE OF FISCAL IMPACT – STATE AGENCIES</b> (See narrative for political subdivision estimates) |                   |         |                   |         |
|---|-------------------|---------|-------------------|---------|
|   | <b>FY 2024-25</b> |         | <b>FY 2025-26</b> |         |
|   | EXPENDITURES      | REVENUE | EXPENDITURES      | REVENUE |
| GENERAL FUNDS   | \$152,793         |         | \$152,793         |         |
| CASH FUNDS  |                   |         |                   |         |
| FEDERAL FUNDS   |                   |         |                   |         |
| OTHER FUNDS   |                   |         |                   |         |
| <b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>  | <b>\$152,793</b>  |         | <b>\$152,793</b>  |         |

Any Fiscal Notes received from state agencies and political subdivisions are attached following the Legislative Fiscal Analyst Estimate.

The original bill, LB52, amends 85-505 by increasing the total Nebraska National Guard state tuition assistance cap from \$900,000 to \$1,000,000 each fiscal year.

The amendment, AM 337, eliminated the cap for the Nebraska National Guard state tuition assistance. The elimination of the spending cap created a need for additional appropriations to meet the tuition assistance requests. Due to the amendment, the Military Department anticipated a need for additional funds up to \$200,000 on an annual basis to provide assistance to all eligible Service Members.

Prior to the amendment, the appropriation for the National Guard State tuition program was \$852,793, which was \$47,207 below the current \$900,000 spending cap. The amount below the Military Department's spending cap was included in the Appropriations budget bill's (LB1412) amendment.

The remaining \$152,793 is appropriated on an annual basis to meet the \$200,000 need to provide tuition assistance to all eligible Service Members.

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| ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES STATE BUDGET DIVISION: REVIEW OF AGENCY & POLT. SUB. RESPONSE  |                  |   |
| <b>LB: 52</b>  | <b>AM:</b>       | AGENCY/POLT. SUB: <b>Nebraska Military Department (031)</b> |
| REVIEWED BY: Joe Wilcox  | DATE: 12/08/2023 | PHONE: (402) 471-4178                                       |
| COMMENTS: Agree with the Nebraska Military Department estimate of No Fiscal Impact to the Agency from LB 52. The agency is experiencing increased demand and costs related to tuition, the Military Department has submitted an FY 2023-24 mid-biennium deficit request to increase appropriation in the Tuition Reimbursement program to match costs. LB 52 would allow for such an appropriation beyond the current \$900,000 cap. |                  |   |

# 2023 Fiscal Note

**Bill Proposal #:** LB52- Eliminate a limitation on the amount of tuition credits available to Nebraska National Guard members (AM377)

**State Agency:** Nebraska Military Department

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## Estimate of Fiscal Impact – State Agencies

|               | FY 2023 - 2024 |         | FY 2024- 2025 |         | FY 2025 -2026 |         |
|---------------|----------------|---------|---------------|---------|---------------|---------|
|               | Expenditures   | Revenue | Expenditures  | Revenue | Expenditures  | Revenue |
| General Funds | \$0            | \$0     | \$0           | \$0     | \$0           | \$0     |
| Cash Funds    | \$0            | \$0     | \$0           | \$0     | \$0           | \$0     |
| Federal Funds | \$0            | \$0     | \$0           | \$0     | \$0           | \$0     |
| Other Funds   | \$0            | \$0     | \$0           | \$0     | \$0           | \$0     |
| Total Funds   | \$0            | \$0     | \$0           | \$0     | \$0           | \$0     |

**Explanation of Estimate:**

Removing the cap on Tuition Assistance, does not, in itself, create a fiscal impact. However, because the agency is experiencing increased demand and costs related to tuition, the Military Department has submitted a mid-biennium deficit request to increase appropriation in the Tuition Reimbursement program to match costs. These increases can only be provided if LB 52 passes. The removal of the cap on state tuition assistance will allow the Nebraska Military Department as part of the normal biennium budget process in the future to plan and adjust to tuition costs that rise. The cap on allowable servicemembers will not be removed and remain at 1200 Nebraska National Guard members.

## Major Objects of Expenditure

**Personal Services:**

| Position Title:      | Number of Positions |       |       | FY 2023 - 2024 | FY 2024- 2025 | FY 2025 -2026 |
|----------------------|---------------------|-------|-------|----------------|---------------|---------------|
|                      | 23-24               | 24-25 | 25-26 | Expenditures   | Expenditures  | Expenditures  |
| N/A                  | \$0                 | \$0   | \$0   | \$0            | \$0           | \$0           |
| N/A                  | \$0                 | \$0   | \$0   | \$0            | \$0           | \$0           |
|                      |                     |       |       | \$0            | \$0           | \$0           |
| Benefits             |                     |       |       | \$0            | \$0           | \$0           |
| Operating            |                     |       |       | \$0            | \$0           | \$0           |
| Travel               |                     |       |       | \$0            | \$0           | \$0           |
| Capital Outlay       |                     |       |       | \$0            | \$0           | \$0           |
| Aid                  |                     |       |       | \$0            | \$0           | \$0           |
| Capital Improvements |                     |       |       | \$0            | \$0           | \$0           |
| <b>TOTALS</b>        |                     |       |       | \$0            | \$0           | \$0           |