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Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

This bill modifies accommodations given to National Guard members or other service members that are called to active duty for a period of more than 30 days. Currently, institutions are required to reenroll the student in the semester in which the student is discharged, demobilized, or deactivated. Alternatively, if the student prefers, institutions are required to enroll the student in the following semester with the same course registration priority the student had at the beginning of the original registration period. In addition, at the student's request, the school or college must either 1) reimburse all tuition and fees paid for courses from which the student had to withdraw, and for prorated room and board at a UW System school; or 2) grant the student an incomplete in the courses from which the student had to withdraw and allow the student to complete the courses within six months after leaving service without paying additional tuition or fees. This proposed legislation would eliminate the 30 day restriction and apply to any length of deployment on a voluntary or non-voluntary basis.

A fiscal estimate could not be meaningfully created for this bill due to the variable nature of deployment activity. The level of deployment activity in any given year is impossible to estimate as the reasons for deployment (i.e. armed conflicts, natural disasters, weather emergencies, trainings, etc.) are impossible to predict and can vary significantly year to year. The level of students that take advantage of existing accommodations are very low which also makes it difficult to predict costs associated with student reimbursements for this change. Given that this proposed legislation would extend accommodations to voluntary deployments and eliminate the minimum 30 day deployment restriction, it can be assumed that there may be increased interest in the accommodations

Long-Range Fiscal Implications