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Rep. Balmer**Bill Status:** Senate Education**Fiscal Analyst:** Marc Carey (303 866-4102)

TITLE: CONCERNING IN-STATE TUITION FOR DEPENDENTS OF MEMBERS OF THE MILITARY.

Summary of Assessment

This bill clarifies statutory language regarding the eligibility of dependents of military personnel for in-state tuition at state institutions of higher education. The bill will become effective upon signature of the Governor.

Background

In the 2004 legislative session, the General Assembly passed, and the Governor signed, HB04-1006. That bill expanded the conditions under which the dependent of a member of the armed forces of the United States qualified for and retained in-state tuition status at a Colorado public institution of higher education. The bill stipulated that a person who attends a Colorado public institution of higher education within 12 months after graduating from a Colorado high school, while a dependent of a member of the United States armed forces on active duty in Colorado during the dependent's last year in high school, qualified for in-state tuition (unless the dependent attended an institution of higher education outside of Colorado before attending such an institution within Colorado). The bill also stipulated that after qualifying for in-state tuition and while continuously enrolled in a Colorado public institution of higher education, a dependent would not lose his or her in-state tuition status if the member is later transferred outside of Colorado. As a result of this bill, approximately 35 students per year that would previously have been deemed ineligible for in-state tuition now receive such assistance.

Because this bill only adds clarifying language and does not change statutory provisions regarding the in-state status of military dependents, this bill will not affect state or local revenues or expenditures, and is assessed as having no fiscal impact.

Departments Contacted

Higher Education