FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT ON BILL NO. H. 3784

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TO: The Honorable W. Brian White, Chairperson, House Ways and Means Committee

FROM: State Budget Division, Budget and Control Board

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SUBJECT: National Guard College Assistance Program

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES:

\$0 (No additional expenditures or savings are expected)

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON FEDERAL & OTHER FUND EXPENDITURES:

\$0 (No additional expenditures or savings are expected)

BILL SUMMARY:

House Bill 3784 amends Chapter 114, Title 59 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, by amending Sections 59-114-30 and 59-114-40 which revise provisions governing the National Guard College Assistance Program. Revisions provide clarification of administrative procedures and require that the annual applications be submitted prior to the beginning of the academic year. Under the new provisions, the annual maximum grant will be determined for each academic year based on the amount of available funds and program eligibility begins after individuals joining the National Guard have completed Basic Training and Advanced Individual Training rather than upon enlistment.

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT:

The Commission on Higher Education indicates this Bill will have no impact on the General Fund of the State or on Federal and/or Other Funds.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT IMPACT:

None.

SPECIAL NOTES:

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None.

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