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Honorable Josh Bonner  
Chairman, House Defense and Veterans Affairs  
401-F State Capitol  
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note  
House Bill (LC 61 0393)

Dear Chairman Bonner:

The bill would revise the Military Service Scholarship available to cadets enrolled at the University of North Georgia (UNG). The bill authorizes an increase in the number of scholarship recipients, subject to available funding. The bill also limits the number of recipients to the lesser of 210 students or 70 percent of Georgia Army National Guard cadets enrolled at UNG.

Currently, the state funds three scholarships per congressional district, totaling 42 new scholarships each year, and up to 168 in an academic year. The awarding of additional scholarships depends on available funding; until then, there is no added cost to the state. If funding becomes available, the estimated annual cost to support 42 additional scholarships—the maximum allowed without exceeding the cap—would be approximately \$885,000 based on UNG's projected full cost of attendance for fiscal year 2027 (\$21,068 per student). Each new scholarship would also incur an annual uniform expense of \$2,800, or \$117,600 for 42 students.

These costs may be distributed over multiple years if the increase from 168 to 210 is phased in over a four-year period to distribute scholarships equally across classes. Doing so would require approximately \$250,000 in additional state funds per year, an amount that may grow as tuition and fees increase.

GSFC indicated that serving additional students would increase its administrative workload; however, no additional resources would be needed.

Respectfully,

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