

BILL SUMMARY
Senate Bill 707, Printer's No. 694
Prime Sponsor: Solobay

SUMMARY:

This legislation would extend to military spouses the same protections granted to members of the military when they take an educational leave of absence due to a deployment.

EXISTING LAW:

This bill amends Title 51. Under current law, when members of the Pennsylvania National Guard or other reserve component of the U.S. armed forces are called to active duty, the school/college/university in which they are enrolled must grant them a military leave of absence. This leave allows them to be restored to the educational status attained before they were ordered to military duty, without losing any credits, scholarships, or grants earned, or any tuition and fees paid before the start of duty.

ANALYSIS:

Many spouses must also take a leave of absence from their studies when their loved one is deployed to care for a young child or children. This bill would extend the same "educational leave of absence" protections under the law to them. Spouses and deployed members of the military would not lose tuition, credits, grants or scholarships earned because of a military deployment. This proposal was Senate Bill 196 of last session, which passed the Senate unanimously.

EFFECTIVE DATE:

This act shall take effect in 60 days.