



# Ohio Legislative Service Commission

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## Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

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**Bill:** H.B. 74 of the 129th G.A.

**Date:** May 13, 2011

**Status:** As Introduced

**Sponsor:** Rep. Wachtmann

**Local Impact Statement Procedure Required:** No

**Contents:** Qualifies children of military veterans who served in the Grenada intervention to receive War Orphans Scholarships

### State Fiscal Highlights

- No direct fiscal effect on the state.

### Local Fiscal Highlights

- No direct fiscal effect on political subdivisions.

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### Detailed Fiscal Analysis

The bill makes the children of deceased or disabled military veterans who served in the 1983 intervention in Grenada eligible for scholarship awards under the War Orphans Scholarship Program. Under current law, the War Orphans Scholarship Program provides scholarships for the children of deceased or severely disabled Ohio veterans of most other periods of wartime military service. According to the U.S. Naval History Center, 19 U.S. soldiers were killed and 116 were wounded in the Grenada intervention. It is unlikely that the number of deceased or disabled Grenada veterans in Ohio would significantly increase the number of students eligible for War Orphan Scholarships.

Ohio War Orphans Scholarships can be used at both state-assisted institutions and private institutions. Since FY 2010, awards have been equal to 80% of the instructional and general fees charged at a state supported two-year or four-year institution and \$4,650 at private institutions. Eligible students must be Ohio residents under the age of 25, full-time undergraduates, and must maintain a 2.0 grade point average (GPA). In FY 2011, approximately 800 awards were provided at the 80% award level. If appropriation levels are not sufficient to provide 80% tuition scholarships for all eligible students, awards may be proportionally reduced.

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