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SB 19-194

FISCAL NOTE

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Bill Topic: NATIONAL GUARD TUITION ASSISTANCE CSU GLOBAL

Summary of Fiscal Impact: **No fiscal impact.** The bill adds CSU Global Campus to the list of institutions of higher education for purposes of tuition assistance for members of the Colorado National Guard.

Appropriation Summary: No appropriation is required.

Fiscal Note Status: The fiscal note reflects the introduced bill.

Summary of Legislation

The bill adds Colorado State University - Global Campus (CSU Global) to the list of designated institutions of higher education that may participate in the Colorado National Guard tuition assistance program.

Background

The Colorado National Guard tuition assistance program is funded through a General Fund appropriation to the Department of Veterans and Military Affairs (DVMA). For the current FY 2018-19, the Colorado National Guard Tuition Fund received a General Fund appropriation of \$1,596,157. Tuition assistance is paid directly to participating institutions, not to the enrolling guardsmen.

Assessment

Tuition assistance for National Guardsmen may only be used at designated institutions of higher education. Under current law, this includes state supported two- and four-year institutions, as well as technical and area district colleges, and in some instances, private institutions. This bill expands by one the number of designated schools for National Guard tuition purposes. The bill has no impact on the number of eligible guardsmen participating in the program or the amount of appropriations provided to DVMA by the General Assembly. The bill merely expands the number of schools at which enrolling guardsmen may apply the state assistance. For these reasons, the bill is assessed as having no fiscal impact.

Effective Date

The bill takes effect upon signature of the Governor, or upon becoming law without his signature.

State and Local Government Contacts

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