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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 3/01/2007

SPONSOR Ortiz y Pino LAST UPDATED _____ HB _____

SHORT TITLE Military Recruiter Message to Schools SB SJM 61

ANALYST McOlash

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY07	FY08		
	NFI		

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Relates to SB 556 and HB 789.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Public Education Department (PED)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Joint Memorial 61 requests the PED to encourage all secondary schools to provide balanced information about critical life choices involving the military and to undertake a study to determine if there is balance to military recruiters' messages.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

NFI

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

Senate Joint Memorial 61 focuses on:

- the requirement in the federal *No Child Left Behind Act of 2001* (NCLB) that requires school districts receiving federal funds to permit military recruiters to have access to students' names, addresses and telephone listings;

- the federal requirement that school districts admit recruiters to the same extent as colleges or employers; this carries an impact in time, costs, risks and educational mission upon secondary schools;
- the frequency of visits’ resulting in incompatibility with local control over secondary school curricula;
- uniformed military members being regarded by students as persons of authority or special trust;
- the hundreds of cases of military recruiter improprieties, misconduct, and criminal convictions reported in the last two years;
- the risks involved in being recruited; and
- the amount being spent by the military to recruit exceeds \$4 billion per year.

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP

SB 1163 enacts new sections of the Public School Code to place restrictions and requirements on public secondary schools with respect to “post-secondary” recruiters.

HB 789 requires public post-secondary educational institutions to provide on-campus recruitment opportunities and facilities to military recruiters to the same degree it provides to members of the public.

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