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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 2/12/2018

SPONSOR Cisneros **LAST UPDATED** _____ **HB** _____

SHORT TITLE Tax Refund for National Guard Eligibility **SB** 15

ANALYST Edwards

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY18	FY19	FY20	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
Total	NFI	NFI	NFI	NFI	NFI	NFI

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Duplicates HB 47.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Department of Military Affairs (DMA)

Taxation and Revenue Department (TRD)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 15 allows optional state income tax credit contributions made to support the New Mexico National Guard be available for national guard members at all times, not just when the soldiers are deployed overseas.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

There is no fiscal impact as a result of Senate Bill 15. Funds collected from voluntary state income tax contributions will be distributed to the Department of Military Affairs in the same manner as currently; however, funds will be available to support all national guard members, not only those deployed overseas. TRD explains there is no impact on state revenues as the assistance program transfers funds that would otherwise be returned as refunds to taxpayers.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

The Department of Military Affairs states the bill will give the Adjutant General greater ability to distribute money from an already existing fund to New Mexico National Guard soldiers and

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their families for financial assistance by removing the requirement that a soldier must be “activated for overseas service.” The current requirement in the law that soldiers must be “activated for overseas service” limits the ability of the Adjutant General to utilize the fund for otherwise well qualified and needy soldiers and their families.

DUPLICATION

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