

# SENATE STAFF ANALYSIS AND ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT

(This document is based on the provisions contained in the legislation as of the latest date listed below.)

BILL: SB 534

SPONSOR: Senator Wise

SUBJECT: Residency/Tuition/Military Children

DATE: January 31, 2002      REVISED: \_\_\_\_\_

	ANALYST	STAFF DIRECTOR	REFERENCE	ACTION
1.	White	O'Farrell	ED	Favorable
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## I. Summary:

Senate Bill 534 will include as residents for tuition purposes the dependent children of military personnel who are stationed out of state, but in a county contiguous to Florida, if they attend a public college or university within 50 miles of the base. The service men or women and their spouses already have this status, and there is only one base, one college, and one university that qualify on this date.

This bill amends the following section of the Florida Statutes: 240.1201.

## II. Present Situation:

Current law includes three categories of military personnel who are residents for tuition purposes. All except one category give that status to both spouses and dependent children:

- Active duty members of the Armed Services of the United States residing or stationed in this state, **their spouses, and dependent children.**
- Active duty members of the Canadian military residing or stationed in this state under the North American Air Defense (NORAD) agreement, **and their spouses and dependent children**, attending a public community college or university within 50 miles of the military establishment where they are stationed.
- Active duty members of the Armed Services of the United States **and their spouses** attending a public community college or university within 50 miles of the military establishment where they are stationed, if such military establishment is within a county contiguous to Florida.

The only military establishment that meets the last description is the Naval Submarine Base Kings Bay, Georgia.

**III. Effect of Proposed Changes:**

The bill under consideration will classify as residents for tuition purposes the dependent children of active duty members of the armed forces stationed on an establishment out of state but in a county contiguous with Florida, if they attend a state university or community college within 50 miles of the base.

**IV. Constitutional Issues:****A. Municipality/County Mandates Restrictions:**

None.

**B. Public Records/Open Meetings Issues:**

None.

**C. Trust Funds Restrictions:**

None.

**V. Economic Impact and Fiscal Note:****A. Tax/Fee Issues:**

None.

**B. Private Sector Impact:**

Dependent children of naval officers and sailors stationed at the Naval Submarine Base King's Bay, Georgia will save the cost of out-of-state tuition if they attend the University of North Florida or Florida Community College at Jacksonville.

**C. Government Sector Impact:**

The University of North Florida and Florida Community College at Jacksonville may experience some loss in fee revenue by not charging out-of-state tuition to dependent children of the sailors stationed at Kings Bay, but not much. These students might not otherwise attend a Florida college or university.

**VI. Technical Deficiencies:**

None.

**VII. Related Issues:**

None.

**VIII. Amendments:**

None.

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This Senate staff analysis does not reflect the intent or official position of the bill's sponsor or the Florida Senate.

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