

**REVENUE:** No revenue impact

**FISCAL:** May have fiscal impact, statement not yet issued

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**Action:** Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed and Be Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means by prior reference

**Vote:** 4 - 0 - 1

**Yeas:** Kruse, Metsger, Westlund, Walker

**Nays:** 0

**Exc.:** Morse

**Prepared By:** Dana Richardson, Administrator

**Meeting Dates:** 5/3

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Entitles qualifying veteran pursuing study or training part-time to state financial aid. Provides aid at specified rate for specified period of time. Raises rate of aid to veteran enrolled full-time. Declares an emergency; effective upon passage.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Number of students impacted
- Additional cost of program with changes in amendment

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** Increases amount of monthly aid to veterans enrolled full-time to \$250. Increases amount of monthly aid to veterans enrolled part-time to \$200.

**BACKGROUND:** Under current statutes, a veteran receives state financial aid of \$150 per month for full time study or training. The total number of payments can not exceed the total number of months served in the Armed Forces of the United States or 36 months, whichever is less. House Bill 2208A would add \$100 per month for veterans who are enrolled in part-time study or training.