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**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
COMMITTEE ON  
COMMITTEE ON COLLEGES & UNIVERSITIES:  
ANALYSIS**

**BILL #:** CS/HB 35-B  
**RELATING TO:** The Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program  
**SPONSOR(S):** Committee on Colleges & Universities, Representative Kilmer and Others  
**TIED BILL(S):** None

**ORIGINATING COMMITTEE(S)/COUNCIL(S)/COMMITTEE(S) OF REFERENCE:**

- (1) COMMITTEE ON COLLEGES & UNIVERSITIES YEAS 12 NAYS 0
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I. SUMMARY:

Current law requires students to begin their Bright Futures Scholarship within 3 years of graduating from high school. In addition, scholarships are only effective for 7 years from high school graduation.

CS/HB 35-B changes the starting date for a Bright Futures Scholarship to allow a student to begin a scholarship at any time within 7 years from high school graduation.

The committee substitute allows students who enter the military within 7 years of high school graduation an additional 7 years to use their Bright Futures Scholarship when they end active military duty.

The effective date of the committee substitute is upon becoming law.

SUBSTANTIVE ANALYSIS:

A. DOES THE BILL SUPPORT THE FOLLOWING PRINCIPLES:

- |                                   |   |                             |   |
|-----------------------------------|---|-----------------------------|---|
| 1. <u>Less Government</u>         | Yes <input type="checkbox"/>            | No <input type="checkbox"/> | N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. <u>Lower Taxes</u>             | Yes <input type="checkbox"/>            | No <input type="checkbox"/> | N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 3. <u>Individual Freedom</u>      | Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> | N/A <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| 4. <u>Personal Responsibility</u> | Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> | N/A <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| 5. <u>Family Empowerment</u>      | Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> | N/A <input type="checkbox"/>            |

For any principle that received a "no" above, please explain:

B. PRESENT SITUATION:

**Commencement timeframe for use of scholarship**

Current law requires students to begin their Bright Futures Scholarship within 3 years of graduating from high school. In addition, scholarships are only effective for 7 years from high school graduation.

C. EFFECT OF PROPOSED CHANGES:

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D. SECTION-BY-SECTION ANALYSIS:

See above sections.

II. FISCAL ANALYSIS & ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT:

A. FISCAL IMPACT ON STATE GOVERNMENT:

1. Revenues:

None

2. Expenditures:

None

B. FISCAL IMPACT ON LOCAL GOVERNMENTS:

1. Revenues:

N/A

2. Expenditures:

N/A

C. DIRECT ECONOMIC IMPACT ON PRIVATE SECTOR:

None

D. FISCAL COMMENTS:

None

III. CONSEQUENCES OF ARTICLE VII, SECTION 18 OF THE FLORIDA CONSTITUTION:

A. APPLICABILITY OF THE MANDATES PROVISION:

The committee substitute does not require counties or municipalities to spend funds or take an action requiring the expenditure of funds.

B. REDUCTION OF REVENUE RAISING AUTHORITY:

The committee substitute does not reduce the authority that municipalities or counties have to raise revenues in the aggregate.

C. REDUCTION OF STATE TAX SHARED WITH COUNTIES AND MUNICIPALITIES:

The committee substitute does not reduce the percentage of a state tax shared with counties or municipalities.

IV. COMMENTS:

A. CONSTITUTIONAL ISSUES:

None.

B. RULE-MAKING AUTHORITY:

None.

C. OTHER COMMENTS:

None.

V. AMENDMENTS OR COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE CHANGES:

On October 24, 2001, the Committee on Colleges & Universities adopted one amendment, removing provisions from the bill that permit students to use the Bright Futures Scholarship at 4 of the United States service academies. The bill, as amended, passed out of committee as a committee substitute.

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VI. SIGNATURES:

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