

LEGISLATIVE BRIEF

STATE PROGRAM SUPPORT HAZLEWOOD ACT BENEFITS



OVERVIEW

The Hazlewood Act provides qualified veterans, spouses and dependent children with a generous tuition exemption at any public college or university in Texas. UTSA is committed to serving student veterans and their families, and is consistently ranked among the top Military Friendly Schools in the nation. UTSA requests the Texas legislature to continue to provide funding relief to public universities for Hazlewood exemptions.

THE CHALLENGE

With the passage of SB 93 in 2009, UTSA continues to experience an enormous growth of students utilizing Hazlewood exemptions. Over \$16.5 million in tuition and fees at UTSA were waived for fiscal year 2018. It is projected to reach \$19.4 million by the end of fiscal year 2019, and over \$22 million by the end of fiscal year 2020.

THE IMPACT

San Antonio is proud to be called Military City USA, and UTSA is honored by the service and sacrifices of its student veterans and their families. Cumulatively, since FY 2009, UTSA has waived over \$89.5 million in tuition and fees as a result of the Hazelwood Act. UTSA appreciates the 85th legislature’s provision of \$1.6 million to help offset waived tuition revenue of \$16.5 million. However, the hardship of this revenue loss is indirectly absorbed by all UTSA students. UTSA encourages the legislature to increase tuition relief funding to keep pace with the growing number of students utilizing legacy exemptions.

HAZLEWOOD AT UTSA

Number of Students Utilizing Benefits

	Current FY 2018	Projected FY 2019	Projected FY 2020
Veterans	341	335	329
Legacy, Spouse & Dependents	1,872	2,162	2,426
TOTAL	2,213	2,498	2,755

Tuition and Fee Expenses Waived

	Current FY 2018	Projected FY 2019	Projected FY 2020
Veterans	\$1,768,660	\$1,897,041	\$2,035,525
Legacy, Spouse & Dependents	\$14,769,987	\$17,495,448	\$20,382,197
TOTAL	\$16,538,647	\$19,392,489	\$22,417,722

» Projections assume same percentage change as recorded from FY17 to FY18.

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