Department of Finance and Administration

Legislative Impact Statement

Bill: SB313

BIII Subtitle: TO ALLOW A TAXPAYER RECEIVING MILITARY RETIREMENT OR SURVIVOR BENEFITS TO RECEIVE THE FULL AMOUNT OF THE INCOME TAX EXEMPTION FOR RETIREMENT BENEFITS.

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Basic Change:

Sponsors: Sen. Petty and Rep. John Carr

SB313 amends § 26-51-307(f) to allow a taxpayer claiming an exemption of less than \$6,000 of military retirement or survivor benefits to also be able to exempt retirement benefits received from non-military sources under § 26-51-307(a) in an amount equal to the difference between the exemption claimed under subsection § 26-51-307(f) and \$6,000. Current state law does not allow a taxpayer to claim both exemptions.

SB313 is effective for tax years beginning on and after January 1, 2023.

Revenue Impact:

FY2024 and after - \$66,000 General Revenue Reduction.

Taxpayer Impact:

A Taxpayer with military retirement or survivor benefit income of less than \$6,000 would be able to claim a total retirement exemption up to \$6,000 if the taxpayer has additional non-military retirement income.

Resources Required:

Computer programs, tax forms, and instructions will need to be updated. Programming costs for the Arkansas Integrated Revenue System (AIRS) is estimated at \$8,000.

Time Required:

Adequate time is provided for implementation.

Procedural Changes:

Department employees will need to be educated as to the exemption as well as the tax community.

Other Comments:

None.

Legal Analysis:

None.

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