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SENATE BILL 600: Vets Children/Short-Term Workforce Training.

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Analysis of:	PCS to Second Edition S600-CSBH-31		

OVERVIEW: Senate Bill 600 would allow children of wartime veterans receiving a Class I-A, I-B or IV to use those funds to cover the cost of short-term workforce training courses leading to industry credentials. The PCS to SB 600 would add modifications to Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) laws.

CURRENT LAW:

Sections 1.(a) & 1.(b)

G.S. 143B-1225 sets out the scholarship program for children of wartime veterans and limits recipients to one scholarship for up to 4 years within an 8 year entitlement period after first receiving the scholarship.

The term "child" is defined in G.S. 143B-1224 as a person who meets all of the following requirements: (i) is under the age of 25 at the time of application for the scholarship, (ii) is a domiciliary of North Carolina and is a resident of North Carolina when applying for a scholarship, (iii) has completed high school or its equivalent prior to receipt of a scholarship, (iv) has complied with the requirements of the Selective Service System, and (v) is one of the following:

- A person whose veteran parent was a legal resident of North Carolina at the time of the veteran's entrance into the period of service in the Armed Forces that establishes eligibility.
- A veteran's child who was born in North Carolina and has been a resident of North Carolina continuously since birth.
- A person who meets either of the above, and was legally adopted by the veteran before the age of 15.

G.S. 143B-1226(b) defines the types of scholarships that a child may receive.

- Class I-A: awarded to a child whose veteran parent either (i) was killed in action or died from wounds or other causes that arose while a member of the Armed Forces during a period of war, or (ii) has died of service-connected injuries, wounds, illnesses, or other causes incurred or aggravated during wartime service in the Armed Forces. This scholarship provides for all expenses, including room and board allowances.
- Class I-B: awarded to a child whose veteran parent is or was at the time of death receiving compensation for a wartime service-connected disability of 100% as rated by the US Department of Veterans Affairs. This scholarship covers only tuition and fees.
- Class IV: awarded to a child whose parent, while serving honorably as an actively serving member of the Armed Forces during a period of war, was listed as any of the following: (i) missing in action, (ii) captured in line of duty by a hostile force, or (iii) forcibly detained or interned in line of duty by a foreign government or power. This scholarship provides for all expenses.

Sections 2.(a) & 2.(b)

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G.S. 143B-1406 sets out parameters for the distribution of funds to PSAPs.

BILL ANALYSIS:

Sections 1.(a) & 1.(b)

SB 600 would allow the recipient of a Class I-A, I-B, or IV scholarship, as defined in G.S. 143B-1226(b), to use those funds at any time during the student's period of entitlement to cover the cost of short-term workforce training courses leading to industry credentials.

Sections 2.(a) & 2.(b)

The PCS to SB 600 would add a new subdivision under "Use of Funds" for PSAPs that would allow distributions received by a PSAP to also be used for the costs of contracting for communication services incurred by a city or county that operates a PSAP if *all* of the following apply:

- The city or county, or both, have a written agreement with a major military installation as defined in G.S. 143-215.115 that operates a PSAP.
- The written agreement requires the parties to mutually serve as a back-up PSAP or military secondary PSAP for each other.
- The contract for communication services is necessary to ensure the PSAP operated by the city or county establishes and maintains the maximum amount of next generation 911 system compatibility with the PSAP operated by the major military installation.

The PCS would also add a new definition for "Military Secondary PSAP" under G.S. 143-1400.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This bill would become effective when it becomes law. Sections 1.(a) and 1.(b) apply to scholarships awarded beginning with the 2019-2020 academic year. Sections 2.(a) and 2.(b) apply to distributions for the 2019-2020 fiscal year and subsequent fiscal years.

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