



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

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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.

CURRENT LAW: 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.

BILL ANALYSIS: Senate Bill 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 the cost of short-term workforce training courses leading to industry credentials.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This bill would become effective when it becomes law.

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