

## 98TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY State of Illinois 2013 and 2014 HB1299

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## SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

110 ILCS 305/9

from Ch. 144, par. 30

Amends the University of Illinois Act in a Section concerning scholarships for the children of veterans. Adds as periods of hostilities for which a county may award a scholarship (i) any time during the siege of Beirut between June 14, 1982 and August 21, 1982 and (ii) any time during the Grenada Conflict between October 25, 1983 and December 15, 1983. Provides that if a scholarship is not awarded for a given period of hostilities listed in the Section because there are no qualified applicants, then the county may award the scholarship for another one of the listed periods of hostilities, in which case there may be more than one scholarship awarded for the same period of hostilities. Effective July 1, 2013.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT MAY APPLY

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1 AN ACT concerning education.

## Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, represented in the General Assembly:

Section 5. The University of Illinois Act is amended by changing Section 9 as follows:

6 (110 ILCS 305/9) (from Ch. 144, par. 30)

Sec. 9. Scholarships for children of veterans. For each of the following periods of hostilities, each county shall be entitled, annually, to one honorary scholarship in the University, for the benefit of the children of persons who served in the armed forces of the United States: the Civil War, World War I, any time between September 16, 1940 and the termination of World War II, any time during the national emergency between June 25, 1950 and January 31, 1955, any time during the Viet Nam conflict between January 1, 1961 and May 7, 1975, any time during the siege of Beirut between June 14, 1982 and August 21, 1982, any time during the Grenada Conflict between October 25, 1983 and December 15, 1983, or any time on or after August 2, 1990 and until Congress or the President orders that persons in service are no longer eligible for the Southwest Asia Service Medal, Operation Enduring Freedom, and Operation Iraqi Freedom. If an honorary scholarship is not awarded for a given period of hostilities because there are no 1

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qualified applicants, then the county may award the scholarship for another one of the listed periods of hostilities, in which case there may be more than one scholarship awarded for the same period of hostilities. Preference for scholarships shall be given to the children of persons who are deceased or disabled. Such scholarships shall be granted to such pupils as shall, upon public examination, conducted as the board of trustees of the University may determine, be decided to have attained the greatest proficiency in the branches of learning usually taught in the secondary schools, and who shall be of good moral character, and not less than 15 years of age. Such pupils, so selected, shall be entitled to receive, without charge for tuition, instruction in any or all departments of the University for a term of at least 4 consecutive years. Such pupils shall conform, in all respects, to the rules and regulations of the University, established for the government of the pupils in attendance.

- 18 (Source: P.A. 95-64, eff. 1-1-08.)
- 19 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect July 1,
- 20 2013.