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1 AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 1467

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend Senate Bill 1467, AS AMENDED,
3 by replacing everything after the enacting clause with the
4 following:

5 "Section 5. The School Code is amended by changing Section
6 30-14.2 as follows:

7 (105 ILCS 5/30-14.2) (from Ch. 122, par. 30-14.2)

8 Sec. 30-14.2. MIA/POW scholarships.

9 (a) Any spouse, natural child, legally adopted child, or
10 step-child of an eligible veteran or serviceperson who
11 possesses all necessary entrance requirements shall, upon
12 application and proper proof, be awarded a MIA/POW Scholarship
13 consisting of the equivalent of 4 calendar years of full-time
14 enrollment including summer terms, to the state supported
15 Illinois institution of higher learning of his choice, subject
16 to the restrictions listed below.

1 "Eligible veteran or serviceperson" means any veteran or
2 serviceperson, including an Illinois National Guard member who
3 is on active duty or is active on a training assignment, who
4 has been declared by the U.S. Department of Defense or the U.S.
5 Department of Veterans Affairs to be a prisoner of war, be
6 missing in action, have died as the result of a
7 service-connected disability or have become a person with a
8 permanent disability from service-connected causes with 100%
9 disability and who (i) at the time of entering service was an
10 Illinois resident, (ii) was an Illinois resident within 6
11 months after entering such service, or (iii) is a resident of
12 Illinois at the time of application for the Scholarship and, at
13 some point after leaving such service, was a resident of
14 Illinois for at least 15 consecutive years ~~until July 1, 2014,~~
15 ~~became an Illinois resident within 6 months after leaving the~~
16 ~~service and can establish at least 30 years of continuous~~
17 ~~residency in the State of Illinois.~~

18 Full-time enrollment means 12 or more semester hours of
19 courses per semester, or 12 or more quarter hours of courses
20 per quarter, or the equivalent thereof per term. Scholarships
21 utilized by dependents enrolled in less than full-time study
22 shall be computed in the proportion which the number of hours
23 so carried bears to full-time enrollment.

24 Scholarships awarded under this Section may be used by a
25 spouse or child without regard to his or her age. The holder of
26 a Scholarship awarded under this Section shall be subject to

1 all examinations and academic standards, including the
2 maintenance of minimum grade levels, that are applicable
3 generally to other enrolled students at the Illinois
4 institution of higher learning where the Scholarship is being
5 used. If the surviving spouse remarries or if there is a
6 divorce between the veteran or serviceperson and his or her
7 spouse while the dependent is pursuing his or her course of
8 study, Scholarship benefits will be terminated at the end of
9 the term for which he or she is presently enrolled. Such
10 dependents shall also be entitled, upon proper proof and
11 application, to enroll in any extension course offered by a
12 State supported Illinois institution of higher learning
13 without payment of tuition and approved fees.

14 The holder of a MIA/POW Scholarship authorized under this
15 Section shall not be required to pay any matriculation or
16 application fees, tuition, activities fees, graduation fees or
17 other fees, except multipurpose building fees or similar fees
18 for supplies and materials.

19 Any dependent who has been or shall be awarded a MIA/POW
20 Scholarship shall be reimbursed by the appropriate institution
21 of higher learning for any fees which he or she has paid and
22 for which exemption is granted under this Section if
23 application for reimbursement is made within 2 months following
24 the end of the school term for which the fees were paid.

25 (b) In lieu of the benefit provided in subsection (a), any
26 spouse, natural child, legally adopted child, or step-child of

1 an eligible veteran or serviceperson, which spouse or child has
2 a physical, mental or developmental disability, shall be
3 entitled to receive, upon application and proper proof, a
4 benefit to be used for the purpose of defraying the cost of the
5 attendance or treatment of such spouse or child at one or more
6 appropriate therapeutic, rehabilitative or educational
7 facilities. The application and proof may be made by the parent
8 or legal guardian of the spouse or child on his or her behalf.

9 The total benefit provided to any beneficiary under this
10 subsection shall not exceed the cost equivalent of 4 calendar
11 years of full-time enrollment, including summer terms, at the
12 University of Illinois. Whenever practicable in the opinion of
13 the Department of Veterans' Affairs, payment of benefits under
14 this subsection shall be made directly to the facility, the
15 cost of attendance or treatment at which is being defrayed, as
16 such costs accrue.

17 (c) The benefits of this Section shall be administered by
18 and paid for out of funds made available to the Illinois
19 Department of Veterans' Affairs. The amounts that become due to
20 any state supported Illinois institution of higher learning
21 shall be payable by the Comptroller to such institution on
22 vouchers approved by the Illinois Department of Veterans'
23 Affairs. The amounts that become due under subsection (b) of
24 this Section shall be payable by warrant upon vouchers issued
25 by the Illinois Department of Veterans' Affairs and approved by
26 the Comptroller. The Illinois Department of Veterans' Affairs

1 shall determine the eligibility of the persons who make
2 application for the benefits provided for in this Section.

3 (Source: P.A. 99-78, eff. 7-20-15; 99-143, eff. 7-27-15;
4 100-201, eff. 8-18-17.)

5 Section 10. The Higher Education Student Assistance Act is
6 amended by changing Section 40 as follows:

7 (110 ILCS 947/40)

8 Sec. 40. Illinois Veteran grant program.

9 (a) As used in this Section:

10 "Qualified applicant" means a person who served in the
11 Armed Forces of the United States, a Reserve component of the
12 Armed Forces, or the Illinois National Guard, excluding members
13 of the Reserve Officers' Training Corps and those whose only
14 service has been attendance at a service academy, and who meets
15 all of the ~~following~~ qualifications of either paragraphs (1)
16 through (4) or paragraphs (2), (3), and (5):

17 (1) At the time of entering federal active duty service
18 the person was one of the following:

19 (A) An Illinois resident.

20 (B) An Illinois resident within 6 months of
21 entering such service.

22 (C) Enrolled at a State-controlled university or
23 public community college in this State.

24 (2) The person meets one of the following requirements:

1 (A) He or she served at least one year of federal
2 active duty.

3 (B) He or she served less than one year of federal
4 active duty and received an honorable discharge for
5 medical reasons directly connected with such service.

6 (C) He or she served less than one year of federal
7 active duty and was discharged prior to August 11,
8 1967.

9 (D) He or she served less than one year of federal
10 active duty in a foreign country during a time of
11 hostilities in that foreign country.

12 (3) The person received an honorable discharge after
13 leaving each period of federal active duty service.

14 (4) The person returned to this State within 6 months
15 after leaving federal active duty service, or, if married
16 to a person in continued military service stationed outside
17 this State, returned to this State within 6 months after
18 his or her spouse left service or was stationed within this
19 State.

20 (5) The person does not meet the requirements of
21 paragraph (1), but (i) is a resident of Illinois at the
22 time of application to the Commission and (ii) at some
23 point after leaving federal active duty service, was a
24 resident of Illinois for at least 15 consecutive years.

25 "Time of hostilities" means any action by the Armed Forces
26 of the United States that is recognized by the issuance of a

1 Presidential proclamation or a Presidential executive order
2 and in which the Armed Forces expeditionary medal or other
3 campaign service medals are awarded according to Presidential
4 executive order.

5 (b) A person who otherwise qualifies under subsection (a)
6 of this Section but has not left federal active duty service
7 and has served at least one year of federal active duty or has
8 served for less than one year of federal active duty in a
9 foreign country during a time of hostilities in that foreign
10 country and who can provide documentation demonstrating an
11 honorable service record is eligible to receive assistance
12 under this Section.

13 (c) A qualified applicant is not required to pay any
14 tuition or mandatory fees while attending a State-controlled
15 university or public community college in this State for a
16 period that is equivalent to 4 years of full-time enrollment,
17 including summer terms.

18 A qualified applicant who has previously received benefits
19 under this Section for a non-mandatory fee shall continue to
20 receive benefits covering such fees while he or she is enrolled
21 in a continuous program of study. The qualified applicant shall
22 no longer receive a grant covering non-mandatory fees if he or
23 she fails to enroll during an academic term, unless he or she
24 is serving federal active duty service.

25 (d) A qualified applicant who has been or is to be awarded
26 assistance under this Section shall receive that assistance if

1 the qualified applicant notifies his or her postsecondary
2 institution of that fact by the end of the school term for
3 which assistance is requested.

4 (e) Assistance under this Section is considered an
5 entitlement that the State-controlled college or public
6 community college in which the qualified applicant is enrolled
7 shall honor without any condition other than the qualified
8 applicant's maintenance of minimum grade levels and a
9 satisfactory student loan repayment record pursuant to
10 subsection (c) of Section 20 of this Act.

11 (f) The Commission shall administer the grant program
12 established by this Section and shall make all necessary and
13 proper rules not inconsistent with this Section for its
14 effective implementation.

15 (g) All applications for assistance under this Section must
16 be made to the Commission on forms that the Commission shall
17 provide. The Commission shall determine the form of application
18 and the information required to be set forth in the
19 application, and the Commission shall require qualified
20 applicants to submit with their applications any supporting
21 documents that the Commission deems necessary. Upon request,
22 the Department of Veterans' Affairs shall assist the Commission
23 in determining the eligibility of applicants for assistance
24 under this Section.

25 (h) Assistance under this Section is available as long as
26 the federal government provides educational benefits to

1 veterans. Assistance must not be paid under this Section after
2 6 months following the termination of educational benefits to
3 veterans by the federal government, except for persons who
4 already have begun their education with assistance under this
5 Section. If the federal government terminates educational
6 benefits to veterans and at a later time resumes those
7 benefits, assistance under this Section shall resume.

8 (Source: P.A. 94-583, eff. 8-15-05.)

9 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect July 1,
10 2019.".