

94TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY State of Illinois 2005 and 2006 HB4318

Introduced 12/27/2005, by Rep. Harry R. Ramey, Jr.

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

110 ILCS 947/42 new

Amends the Higher Education Student Assistance Act. Provides that any spouse or child of a disabled veteran, as determined by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs, is entitled to 8 semesters or 12 quarters of full payment of tuition and mandatory fees at any public institution of higher learning in this State or the equivalent of 8 semesters or 12 quarters of payment of tuition and mandatory fees, at the rate established by the Illinois Student Assistance Commission, for private institutions of higher learning in this State.

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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 Higher Education Student Assistance Act is amended by adding Section 42 as follows:

(110 ILCS 947/42 new)

Sec. 42. Grants for dependents of disabled veterans. Any spouse, natural child, legally adopted child, or child in the legal custody of a disabled veteran, as determined by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs, is entitled to 8 semesters or 12 quarters of full payment of tuition and mandatory fees at any public institution of higher learning in this State for either full or part-time study or the equivalent of 8 semesters or 12 quarters of payment of tuition and mandatory fees, at the rate established by the Commission, for private institutions of higher learning in this State, provided that the recipient is maintaining satisfactory academic progress. Grant recipients need not be Illinois residents at the time of enrollment in order to receive the grant. The grant may be used for undergraduate or graduate study. Grants under this Section shall be administered by and paid out of funds available to the Commission and shall accrue to the bona fide applicant without the requirement of demonstrating financial need to qualify for the grant.