



100TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2017 and 2018

HB2389

by Rep. Brad Halbrook

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

110 ILCS 305/9

from Ch. 144, par. 30

110 ILCS 947/42 new

Amends the Higher Education Student Assistance Act. Provides that for each of the following periods of hostilities, each county shall be entitled, annually, to one honorary scholarship in a public institution of higher learning for the benefit of the children of persons who served in the armed forces of the United States, except that the total number of scholarships annually granted to recipients from each county may not exceed 3: (1) any time between September 16, 1940 and the termination of World War II; (2) any time during the national emergency between June 25, 1950 and January 31, 1955; (3) any time during the Viet Nam conflict between January 1, 1961 and May 7, 1975; (4) any time during the siege of Beirut and the Grenada Conflict between June 14, 1982 and December 15, 1983; (5) 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; or (6) any time during Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom. Sets forth scholarship qualifications and preferences. Provides that recipients are entitled to receive instruction in any or all departments of a public institution of higher learning without charge for tuition for a term of at least 4 consecutive years. Requires the Illinois Student Assistance Commission to administer the scholarship program. Makes changes to a provision of the University of Illinois Act providing for a similar scholarship. Effective immediately.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT
MAY APPLY

A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning education.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

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

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

7 Sec. 9. Scholarships for children of veterans.

8 (a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this Section,

9 for ~~For~~ each of the following periods of hostilities, each
10 county shall be entitled, annually, to one honorary scholarship
11 in the University, for the benefit of the children of persons
12 who served in the armed forces of the United States, except
13 that the total number of scholarships annually granted to
14 recipients from each county may not exceed 3: any time between
15 September 16, 1940 and the termination of World War II, any
16 time during the national emergency between June 25, 1950 and
17 January 31, 1955, any time during the Viet Nam conflict between
18 January 1, 1961 and May 7, 1975, any time during the siege of
19 Beirut and the Grenada Conflict between June 14, 1982 and
20 December 15, 1983, or any time on or after August 2, 1990 and
21 until Congress or the President orders that persons in service
22 are no longer eligible for the Southwest Asia Service Medal,
23 Operation Enduring Freedom, and Operation Iraqi Freedom.

1 Preference for scholarships shall be given to the children of
2 persons who are deceased or to the children of persons who have
3 a disability. Such scholarships shall be granted to such pupils
4 as shall, upon public examination, conducted as the board of
5 trustees of the University may determine, be decided to have
6 attained the greatest proficiency in the branches of learning
7 usually taught in the secondary schools, and who shall be of
8 good moral character, and not less than 15 years of age. Such
9 pupils, so selected, shall be entitled to receive, without
10 charge for tuition, instruction in any or all departments of
11 the University for a term of at least 4 consecutive years. Such
12 pupils shall conform, in all respects, to the rules and
13 regulations of the University, established for the government
14 of the pupils in attendance.

15 (b) Beginning with the 2017-2018 academic year, no
16 scholarships may be awarded under this Section. However, a
17 pupil awarded a scholarship under the terms of this Section as
18 they existed before the effective date of this amendatory Act
19 of the 100th General Assembly is entitled to that scholarship
20 for the remainder of its term.

21 (Source: P.A. 99-143, eff. 7-27-15; 99-377, eff. 8-17-15;
22 99-642, eff. 7-28-16.)

23 Section 10. The Higher Education Student Assistance Act is
24 amended by adding Section 42 as follows:

1 (110 ILCS 947/42 new)

2 Sec. 42. Scholarships for children of veterans.

3 (a) Beginning with the 2017-2018 academic year, for each of
4 the following periods of hostilities, each county shall be
5 entitled, annually, to one honorary scholarship in a public
6 institution of higher learning for the benefit of the children
7 of persons who served in the armed forces of the United States,
8 except that the total number of scholarships annually granted
9 to recipients from each county may not exceed 3:

10 (1) any time between September 16, 1940 and the
11 termination of World War II;

12 (2) any time during the national emergency between June
13 25, 1950 and January 31, 1955;

14 (3) any time during the Viet Nam conflict between
15 January 1, 1961 and May 7, 1975;

16 (4) any time during the siege of Beirut and the Grenada
17 Conflict between June 14, 1982 and December 15, 1983;

18 (5) any time on or after August 2, 1990 and until
19 Congress or the President orders that persons in service
20 are no longer eligible for the Southwest Asia Service
21 Medal; or

22 (6) any time during Operation Enduring Freedom and
23 Operation Iraqi Freedom.

24 (b) Preference for scholarships under this Section shall be
25 given to the children of persons who are deceased as a result
26 of military service or to the children of persons who have a

1 service-connected disability.

2 (c) Scholarships under this Section shall be granted to
3 such pupils as shall, upon public examination, conducted as the
4 Commission may determine, be decided to have attained the
5 greatest proficiency in the branches of learning usually taught
6 in the secondary schools and who are of good moral character
7 and not less than 15 years of age.

8 (d) Pupils selected for scholarships under this Section are
9 entitled to receive instruction in any or all departments of a
10 public institution of higher learning without charge for
11 tuition for a term of at least 4 consecutive years.
12 Scholarships awarded under this Section shall not be charged
13 against any tuition waiver limitation established by the Board
14 of Higher Education.

15 (e) Pupils awarded scholarships under this Section shall
16 conform, in all respects, to the rules and regulations of the
17 public institution of higher learning established for the
18 government of the pupils in attendance.

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

1 in determining the eligibility of applicants for assistance
2 under this Section.

3 (g) The Commission shall administer the scholarship
4 program established by this Section and shall make all
5 necessary and proper rules not inconsistent with this Section
6 for its effective implementation.

7 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
8 becoming law.