## 99TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

# State of Illinois

# 2015 and 2016

#### SB1818

Introduced 2/20/2015, by Sen. Pat McGuire

### 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. Provides that the total number of scholarships annually granted to recipients from each county may not exceed 3. Removes the Civil War and World War I as periods of hostilities for which a county may award a scholarship. Adds any time during the siege of Beirut and the Grenada Conflict between June 14, 1982 and December 15, 1983 as a period of hostility for which a county may award a scholarship. 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, 2015.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT MAY APPLY

A BILL FOR

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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. For each of the following periods of hostilities, each county shall be 8 9 entitled, annually, to one honorary scholarship in the University, for the benefit of the children of persons who 10 served in the armed forces of the United States, except that 11 12 the total number of scholarships annually granted to recipients from each county may not exceed 3: the Civil War, World War I, 13 14 any time between September 16, 1940 and the termination of World War II, any time during the national emergency between 15 16 June 25, 1950 and January 31, 1955, any time during the Viet 17 Nam conflict between January 1, 1961 and May 7, 1975, any time during the siege of Beirut and the Grenada Conflict between 18 19 June 14, 1982 and December 15, 1983, or any time on or after 20 August 2, 1990 and until Congress or the President orders that 21 persons in service are no longer eligible for the Southwest 22 Asia Service Medal, Operation Enduring Freedom, and Operation Iraqi Freedom. If an honorary scholarship is not awarded for a 23

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given period of hostilities because there are no qualified 1 applicants, then the county may award the scholarship for 2 3 another one of the listed periods of hostilities, in which case there may be more than one scholarship awarded for the same 4 5 period of hostilities. Preference for scholarships shall be given to the children of persons who are deceased or disabled. 6 7 Such scholarships shall be granted to such pupils as shall, upon public examination, conducted as the board of trustees of 8 9 the University may determine, be decided to have attained the 10 greatest proficiency in the branches of learning usually taught 11 in the secondary schools, and who shall be of good moral 12 character, and not less than 15 years of age. Such pupils, so 13 selected, shall be entitled to receive, without charge for 14 tuition, instruction in any or all departments of the 15 University for a term of at least 4 consecutive years. Such 16 pupils shall conform, in all respects, to the rules and 17 regulations of the University, established for the government of the pupils in attendance. 18

19 (Source: P.A. 95-64, eff. 1-1-08.)

Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect July 1,
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