

**Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed
prior to this session of the General Assembly.
Act 2127 of the Regular Session**

1 State of Arkansas
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A Bill

SENATE BILL 466

5 By: Senator Broadway
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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO PROVIDE FREE TUITION AT STATE-SUPPORTED
10 INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION AND TECHNICAL
11 INSTITUTES FOR CHILDREN OF DISABLED VETERANS; AND
12 FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

14 AN ACT TO PROVIDE FREE TUITION AT STATE-
15 SUPPORTED INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER
16 EDUCATION AND TECHNICAL INSTITUTES FOR
17 CHILDREN OF DISABLED VETERANS.
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21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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23 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-82-601 is amended to read as follows:

24 6-82-601. Children of prisoners of war, etc., after January 1, 1960.

25 (a) As used in this section, unless the context otherwise requires:

26 (1) "Prisoner of war" and "person missing in action" and "person
27 killed in action" and "person killed on ordnance delivery" means any person
28 who was a resident of the State of Arkansas at the time that person entered
29 the service of the United States armed forces or whose official residence is
30 within the State of Arkansas and who, while serving in the armed forces, has
31 been declared to be a prisoner of war, a person missing in action, or a
32 person killed in action as established by the Secretary of Defense of the
33 United States after January 1, 1960, or a person killed on ordnance delivery.
34 It is not necessary for the purposes of these definitions that capture or
35 death occur during a declared war or as a result of hostile actions;



1 (2) "Dependent" means a spouse of a prisoner of war or person
 2 declared to be missing in action or killed in action or killed on ordnance
 3 delivery, or any child born before or during the period of time his or her
 4 ~~father~~ parent served as a prisoner of war, was declared a person missing in
 5 action or killed in action on ordnance delivery, or any child adopted or in
 6 the legal custody of the ~~father~~ parent prior to and during the time the
 7 ~~father~~ parent served as a prisoner of war or was declared to be a person
 8 missing in action or a person killed in action or a person killed on ordnance
 9 delivery; ~~and~~

10 (3) "Disabled veteran" means a person who has been awarded
 11 special monthly compensation by the federal Department of Veterans Affairs
 12 for service-connected, one hundred percent (100%) total and permanent
 13 disability; and

14 ~~(3)~~(4) "Ordnance delivery" means the piloting of or flying in an
 15 experimental or test aircraft while determining its fitness or ability to
 16 perform its military function or mission.

17 (b) The Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board and the State
 18 Board of Education are directed, authorized, and empowered to promulgate and
 19 adopt such rules and regulations as are necessary to implement the provisions
 20 of this section.

21 (c) Any dependent of a disabled veteran, prisoner of war, or a person
 22 declared to be missing in action, or killed in action, or a person killed on
 23 ordnance delivery as defined by the provisions of this section, upon his or
 24 her being accepted for enrollment into any state-supported institution of
 25 higher education or state-supported technical or vocational school in
 26 Arkansas, shall be allowed to obtain a bachelor's degree or certificate of
 27 completion or, if he or she did not receive any undergraduate education in
 28 Arkansas, a graduate or ~~professional~~ professional degree, for so long as he or
 29 she is eligible, free of tuition, fee, or other charge from such institution
 30 or school.

31 (d) Once a person qualifies as a dependent under the terms and
 32 provisions of this section, there shall be no situation such as the return of
 33 the ~~father~~ parent or the reported death of the ~~father~~ parent, that will
 34 remove the dependent from the provisions or benefits of this section.

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 36 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 6-82-602 is amended to read as follows:

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