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.

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23	SECTION 1. A	rkansas Code § 6-82-601 is amended to re	ad as follows:	
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25		in this section, unless the context other	•	
26		risoner of war" and "person missing in a	_	n
27		nd "person killed on ordnance delivery"	-	
28		of the State of Arkansas at the time tha		
29	the service of the	United States armed forces or whose offi	cial 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 ac	tion 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 to	hat 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

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- (3)(4) "Ordnance delivery" means the piloting of or flying in an experimental or test aircraft while determining its fitness or ability to perform its military function or mission.
- (b) The Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board and the State Board of Education are directed, authorized, and empowered to promulgate and adopt such rules and regulations as are necessary to implement the provisions of this section.
- (c) Any dependent of a <u>disabled veteran</u>, prisoner of war, or a person declared to be missing in action, or killed in action, or a person killed on ordnance delivery as defined by the provisions of this section, upon his or her being accepted for enrollment into any state-supported institution of higher education or state-supported technical or vocational school in Arkansas, shall be allowed to obtain a bachelor's degree or certificate of completion or, if he or she did not receive any undergraduate education in Arkansas, a graduate or <u>professional</u> professional degree, for so long as he or she is eligible, free of tuition, fee, or other charge from such institution 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 <u>father parent</u> or the reported death of the <u>father parent</u>, that will 34 remove the dependent from the provisions or benefits of this section.

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

1	6-82-602. Children of certain veterans having served between September
2	16, 1940, and December 31, 1946.
3	(a) For purposes of this section, "disabled veteran" means a person
4	who has been awarded special monthly compensation by the federal Department
5	of Veterans Affairs for service-connected, one hundred percent (100%) total
6	and permanent disability.
7	(a)(b) Any child of a parent or parents who are disabled veterans,
8	were killed in action, or otherwise died while serving in the military or
9	naval forces of the United States between September 16, 1940, and December
10	31, 1946, or having been <u>who were</u> honorably and medically discharged while
11	serving in either branch of the service between those dates and having died
12	before December 31, 1946, $\frac{1}{2}$ and that child is not otherwise eligible for
13	educational assistance from the federal government, may make application to
14	the Director of the Department of Higher Education for funds necessary for
15	tuition and matriculation fees, board and room, books, and supplies while
16	attending any institution of higher learning of the State of Arkansas.
17	$\frac{(b)(c)}{(c)}$ The director is authorized to prescribe necessary forms, rules,
18	and regulations for the administration of this subchapter.
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