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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1879

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## For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO ALLOW DEPENDENTS OF CERTAIN VETERANS TO  
10 RECEIVE TUITION WAIVERS TO PRIVATE, NONPROFIT  
11 INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION IN THIS STATE; TO  
12 CAP THE AMOUNT OF THE TUITION WAIVER FOR DEPENDENTS  
13 OF CERTAIN VETERANS ATTENDING PRIVATE, NONPROFIT  
14 INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION IN THIS STATE; AND  
15 FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

18 TO ALLOW DEPENDENTS OF CERTAIN VETERANS  
19 TO RECEIVE TUITION WAIVERS TO PRIVATE,  
20 NONPROFIT INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER  
21 EDUCATION IN THIS STATE; AND TO CAP THE  
22 AMOUNT OF THE TUITION WAIVER FOR  
23 DEPENDENTS OF CERTAIN VETERANS.  
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27 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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29 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-82-601(d), concerning tuition waivers for  
30 dependents of certain veterans, is amended to read as follows:

31 (d)(1) Except as provided under subdivision (d)(2) of this section, a  
32 dependent of a disabled veteran, a prisoner of war, or a person declared to  
33 be missing in action or killed in action, or a person killed on ordnance  
34 delivery as defined by the provisions of this section, upon his or her being  
35 accepted for enrollment into any private, nonprofit institution of higher  
36 education in the State of Arkansas or state-supported institution of higher



1 education in the State of Arkansas, ~~shall be allowed to~~ may obtain a  
 2 bachelor's degree for so long as he or she is eligible with state assistance  
 3 for tuition, fees, or other charges as provided under this subsection ~~(d)~~.

4 (2)(A) The state assistance under this section is limited to the  
 5 tuition, fees, or other charges that exceed the amount of monetary benefits  
 6 that the dependent is eligible to receive from the Survivors' and Dependents'  
 7 Educational Assistance program during the months included in each semester in  
 8 which the dependent is enrolled.

9 (B) If the dependent is not eligible for monetary benefits  
 10 from the Survivors' and Dependents' Educational Assistance program but is  
 11 eligible for the benefits under this section, the dependent ~~shall be allowed~~  
 12 ~~to~~ may obtain a bachelor's degree free of tuition, fees, or other charges  
 13 from ~~the~~ a private, nonprofit institution of higher education in this state  
 14 or a state-supported institution of higher education.

15 (C) However, the state assistance awarded to a dependent  
 16 attending a private, nonprofit institution of higher education in this state  
 17 shall not exceed the maximum amount of state assistance awarded to dependents  
 18 attending state-supported institutions of higher education.

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