

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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# A Bill

SENATE BILL 466

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5 By: Senator Broadway

## 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.

## Subtitle

15 AN ACT TO PROVIDE FREE TUITION AT STATE-  
16 SUPPORTED INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER  
17 EDUCATION AND TECHNICAL INSTITUTES FOR  
18 CHILDREN OF DISABLED VETERANS.

21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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;

36 (2) "Dependent" means a spouse of a prisoner of war or person



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

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

13 ~~(3)~~(4) "Ordnance delivery" means the piloting of or flying in an  
 14 experimental or test aircraft while determining its fitness or ability to  
 15 perform its military function or mission.

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

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

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

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

36 6-82-602. Children of certain veterans having served between September

1 16, 1940, and December 31, 1946.

2 (a) For purposes of this section, "disabled veteran" means a person  
3 who has been awarded special monthly compensation by the federal Department  
4 of Veterans Affairs for service-connected, one hundred percent (100%) total  
5 and permanent disability.

6 ~~(a)~~(b) Any child of a parent or parents who are disabled veterans,  
7 were killed in action, or otherwise died while serving in the military or  
8 naval forces of the United States between September 16, 1940, and December  
9 31, 1946, or ~~having been~~ who were honorably and medically discharged while  
10 serving in either branch of the service between those dates and having died  
11 before December 31, 1946, ~~who~~ and that child is not otherwise eligible for  
12 educational assistance from the federal government, may make application to  
13 the Director of the Department of Higher Education for funds necessary for  
14 tuition and matriculation fees, board and room, books, and supplies while  
15 attending any institution of higher learning of the State of Arkansas.

16 ~~(b)~~(c) The director is authorized to prescribe necessary forms, rules,  
17 and regulations for the administration of this subchapter.

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