

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

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AS AMENDED ON SECOND CONSIDERATION, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, JUNE 9, 2014

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 51 (Military Affairs) of the Pennsylvania
2 Consolidated Statutes, in educational assistance program,
3 further providing for definitions and for amount of grants.

4 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
5 hereby enacts as follows:

6 Section 1. Section 3201 of Title 51 of the Pennsylvania
7 Consolidated Statutes is amended by adding a definition to read:
8 § 3201. Definitions.

9 The following words and phrases when used in this chapter
10 shall have the meanings given to them in this section unless the
11 context clearly indicates otherwise:

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13 ~~"Costs of pursuing approved program of education." Tuition <--~~
14 ~~and fees, room and board and textbooks as long as such costs are~~
15 ~~documented by the approved institution of higher learning.~~

16 "COSTS OF ATTENDANCE." ALLOWABLE EDUCATIONAL EXPENSES, AS <--
17 DETERMINED BY THE AGENCY, THAT ARE CONSISTENT WITH THE

1 ADMINISTRATION OF THE ACT OF JANUARY 25, 1966 (1965 P.L.1546,  
2 NO.541), REFERRED TO AS THE HIGHER EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP LAW.

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4 Section 2. Section 3205(c) of Title 51 is amended to read:

5 § 3205. Amount of grants.

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7 [(c) Other grants.--The agency shall not reduce the amount]

8 (c) Other grants and financial aid.--

9 (1) The agency shall not reduce the amount of other  
10 agency grants or aid for which the eligible member qualifies  
11 on account of the member's eligibility for or receipt of  
12 grants under this chapter.

13 (2) Prior to making a grant under this chapter, the  
14 agency APPROVED INSTITUTION OF HIGHER LEARNING shall first <--  
15 consider any Federal tuition assistance received by the  
16 eligible member and then shall award a grant under this  
17 chapter if the eligible member requires additional financial  
18 aid to cover ~~documented costs of pursuing~~ THE COSTS OF <--  
19 ATTENDANCE FOR an approved program of HIGHER education. A <--  
20 grant under this chapter shall ~~not~~ be paid or refunded to the <--  
21 eligible member for use for other than the costs of pursuing <--  
22 an approved program of education. Excess grants shall be  
23 refunded by the approved institution of higher learning to  
24 the agency for deposit in the fund. APPROVED COSTS OF <--  
25 ATTENDANCE. GRANTS AUTHORIZED UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL BE  
26 REDUCED SO THAT THE TOTAL OF ALL FEDERAL AND STATE MILITARY  
27 EDUCATION BENEFITS, AS ADMINISTERED BY THE PENNSYLVANIA  
28 NATIONAL GUARD, DO NOT EXCEED 100% OF THE COSTS OF  
29 ATTENDANCE.

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1 Section 3. This act shall take effect in 60 days.