## **HOUSE BILL 573**

## By Harmon

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49 and Title 71, relative to veterans of the United States armed forces.

## BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 71, Chapter 1, Part 1, is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated section:

§ 71-1-135. In determining the eligibility of a veteran of the United States armed forces to receive any income-based state service or benefit, any federal benefits received by the veteran to defray educational or vocational training expenses shall not be deemed to constitute income.

SECTION 2. Section 1 shall be implemented only to the extent that compliance will not reduce or jeopardize federal funding received by the state.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2009, the public welfare requiring it.