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SENATE BILL DRS35102-MM-15

Short Title: Children of Wartime Vets/Scholarships. (Public)

Sponsors: Senators D. Davis and Brown (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO ENSURE THAT ALL ELIGIBLE CHILDREN CAN OBTAIN WARTIME
3 VETERANS SCHOLARSHIPS.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 SECTION 1. G.S. 143B-1224(3) reads as rewritten:

6 "§ 143B-1224. Definitions.

7 As used in this Part the terms defined in this section shall have the following meaning:

8 ...

9 (3) "Child" means a person: (i) under 25 years of age at the time of application
10 for a scholarship, (ii) who is a domiciliary of North Carolina and is a resident
11 of North Carolina when applying for a scholarship, (iii) who has completed
12 high school or its equivalent prior to receipt of a scholarship awarded under
13 this Part, (iv) who has complied with the requirements of the Selective Service
14 System, if applicable, and (v) who further meets one of the following
15 requirements:

16 a. A person whose veteran parent was a legal resident of North Carolina
17 at the time of said veteran's entrance into that period of service in the
18 Armed Forces during which eligibility is established under
19 G.S. 143B-1226.

20 b. A veteran's child who was born in North Carolina and has been a
21 resident of North Carolina continuously since birth. Provided, that the
22 requirement in the preceding sentence as to birth in North Carolina
23 may be waived by the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs if
24 it is shown to the satisfaction of the Department that the child's mother
25 was a native-born resident of North Carolina and was such resident at
26 the time of her marriage to the veteran and was outside the State
27 temporarily at the time of the child's birth, following which the child
28 was returned to North Carolina within a reasonable period of time
29 where said child has since lived continuously.

30 c. A person meeting either of the requirements set forth in subdivision
31 (3) a or b above, and who ~~was legally adopted by the veteran prior to~~
32 ~~said person's reaching the age of 15 years~~ is a child, as that term is
33 defined in 37 U.S.C. § 401.

34 SECTION 2. Section 2(a) of S.L. 2018-37 is repealed.

35 SECTION 3. The Department of Military and Veterans Affairs shall document the
36 number of applicants who apply for scholarships provided in G.S. 143B-1226 and shall report on



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1 this information to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on General Government by March
2 30, 2020. The report shall include the total number of applications received and the total number
3 of those applications made eligible as a result of this act.

4 **SECTION 4.** This act is effective when it becomes law.