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SENATE FILE 1136

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Passed Senate, Date 3-22-72 Passed House, Date 3-23-72

Vote: Ayes 47 Nays 0 Vote: Ayes 87 Nays 0

Approved _____

A BILL FOR

1 An Act providing financial benefits for the education of
2 children of persons classified as prisoners of war or
3 missing in action in Viet Nam.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

5 Section 1. Chapter thirty-five (35), Code 1971, is amended
6 by adding the following new section:

7 "In addition to the duties enumerated in sections thirty-
8 five point one (35.1) through thirty-five point eleven (35.11)
9 of the Code, the bonus board shall be responsible for admin-
10 istering the program created by this section.

11 The state shall provide funds from moneys appropriated to
12 the bonus board, sufficient when coupled with other state
13 and federal grants and aids, to pay all fees, including fees
14 designated as tuition and fees for books, for attendance at
15 any institution of higher education, or any post-high school,
16 vocational school, technical school, trade school, or pro-
17 fessional school located within this state by a child who
18 shall have lived in the state for two years preceding
19 application for such benefits and who is the child of a
20 person classified as a prisoner of war or missing in action
21 during the Viet Nam conflict as defined in section thirty-
22 five point nine (35.9) of the Code. The benefits provided
23 by this section shall be for a term not exceeding thirty-
24 six months of full time enrollment, whether continuous or
25 non-continuous, in the course of study undertaken, however

1 if the parent of the person receiving benefits is released
2 from a prison or is no longer classified as missing in
3 action, the education benefits provided by this section
4 shall terminate at the end of the current school year
5 of the school in which the person receiving benefits is
6 attending."

7 EXPLANATION

8 This bill provides for the state paying the educational
9 costs of children of prisoners of war or persons missing
10 in action during the Viet Nam conflict. The costs will
11 cover those costs not provided by any other state or
12 federal aids for attendance in any post-high school course
13 of study. Not more than 36 months of study would be
14 financed under this bill and the benefits provided could
15 be terminated following the time that a parent is no
16 longer imprisoned or classified as missing in action
17 since such a parent would hopefully then be able to
18 provide his child with the support required in the same
19 manner as any other parent.

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FISCAL NOTE
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Date Prepared: March 15, 1972

Requested by: Senator Bass

Prepared in regard to Senate File 1136, a bill for an act providing financial benefits for the education of children of persons classified as prisoners of war or missing in action in Viet Nam. Following is the fiscal effect in dollars of the legislative proposal as required by Senate Rule 31.

The estimate provided below is made with the following assumptions:

1. There will be no deduction from funds received under this bill for benefits received from the GI bill.
2. If a scholarship is received from the State of Iowa, that amount will be deducted from the benefits of this bill.

Cost estimate:

First year	\$1,200
Second year	1,200
Third year	1,800
Fourth year	2,400
Fifth year	2,400

According to the Assistant Director of the Regional VA office in Des Moines there were eight persons listed as POW's and MIA's on January 1, 1971. Since that time the number has risen to ten or eleven. The average known age of their children was eleven years of age.

Based on the estimates of the Bonus Board the expense of this bill could be borne for the remainder of the 64th biennium without an additional appropriation.

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