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A BILL FOR

1 An Act establishing the Iowa military service grant program,
2 making an appropriation, and providing for other properly
3 related matters.

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

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1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 261.110 DEFINITIONS.

2 As used in this division, unless the context otherwise
3 requires:

4 1. "Accredited higher education institution" means a
5 public or private institution of higher learning located in
6 Iowa that meets the requirements established in section
7 261.92, subsection 1.

8 2. "Commission" means the college student aid commission.

9 3. "Full-time resident student" means an individual
10 resident of Iowa who is enrolled at an accredited higher
11 education institution located in Iowa in a course of study
12 including at least twelve semester hours or the trimester
13 equivalent of twelve semester hours or the quarter equivalent
14 of twelve semester hours. "Course of study" does not include
15 correspondence courses.

16 4. "Grant" means an award by the state of Iowa to an
17 accredited higher education institution for a qualified
18 resident student under the Iowa military service grant
19 program.

20 5. "Part-time resident student" means an individual
21 resident of Iowa who is enrolled at an accredited higher
22 education institution located in Iowa in a course of study
23 including at least three semester hours or the trimester or
24 the four quarter equivalent of three semester hours. "Course
25 of study" does not include correspondence courses.

26 6. "Qualified student" means a resident student who has
27 received an honorable discharge from a branch of the armed
28 services of the United States of America or the state military
29 forces, after having served a minimum of four years on active
30 duty, and who is making satisfactory progress toward
31 graduation.

32 Sec. 2. NEW SECTION. 261.111 PROGRAM ESTABLISHED --
33 ELIGIBILITY.

34 An Iowa military service grant program is established. A
35 military service grant may be awarded to a resident of Iowa

1 who is admitted and in attendance as a full-time or part-time
2 resident student at an accredited higher education institution
3 and who has received an honorable discharge from a branch of
4 the armed services of the United States of America or the
5 state military forces, after having served a minimum of four
6 years on active duty. The individual's permanent residence
7 during the years of service on active duty shall have been in
8 Iowa. Grants awarded shall be distributed to the appropriate
9 accredited higher education institution for payment of
10 educational expenses, including tuition, room, board, and
11 mandatory fees, with any balance to be distributed to the
12 student for whom the grant is awarded.

13 Sec. 3. NEW SECTION. 261.112 EXTENT OF GRANT.

14 A qualified full-time resident student may receive grants
15 for not more than eight semesters of undergraduate study or
16 the trimester or quarter equivalent. A qualified part-time
17 resident student may receive grants for not more than sixteen
18 semesters of undergraduate study or the trimester or quarter
19 equivalent.

20 Sec. 4. NEW SECTION. 261.113 AMOUNT OF GRANT.

21 1. The amount of a grant to a qualified full-time student
22 for an academic year shall be one thousand dollars.

23 2. The amount of a grant to a qualified part-time student
24 enrolled in a course of study shall be equal to the average
25 amount of a grant to a full-time student times a number which
26 represents twenty-four semester hours, or the trimester or
27 quarter equivalent, divided by the number of hours in which
28 the part-time student is actually enrolled.

29 3. A grant may be made annually for both the fall and
30 spring semesters or the trimester equivalent. Payments under
31 the grant shall be allocated equally among the semesters or
32 trimesters and shall be paid at the beginning of each semester
33 or trimester, upon certification by the accredited higher
34 education institution that the student is admitted and in
35 attendance. If the student discontinues attendance before the

1 end of the semester or trimester after receiving payment under
2 the grant, the entire amount of any refund due that student,
3 up to the amount of any payments made under the annual grant,
4 shall be paid by the accredited higher education institution
5 to the state.

6 Sec. 5. NEW SECTION. 261.114 ADMINISTRATION BY
7 COMMISSION -- RULES.

8 The commission shall administer this program and shall:

- 9 1. Provide application forms to qualified students
10 enrolled and attending or seeking to enroll and attend an
11 accredited higher education institution.
- 12 2. Adopt rules for defining tuition and mandatory fees,
13 defining residence for the purposes of the Iowa military
14 service grant program, and processing and approving
15 applications for grants. In determining who is a resident of
16 Iowa, the commission's rules shall be at least as restrictive
17 as those of the board of regents.
- 18 3. Approve and award grants to accredited higher education
19 institutions under the program.
- 20 4. Report annually to the governor and general assembly
21 and include in the report an evaluation of the Iowa military
22 service grant program for the period. The commission may
23 require the accredited higher education institution to
24 promptly furnish any information that the commission may
25 request in connection with the Iowa military service grant
26 program.
- 27 5. Provide for the proration of funds among qualified
28 applicants if funds available are insufficient to pay all
29 approved grants.

30 Sec. 6. NEW SECTION. 261.115 APPLICATION FOR GRANTS.

31 Each applicant, in accordance with the rules of the
32 commission, shall:

- 33 1. Complete and file an application for a grant on forms
34 provided by the commission.
- 35 2. Submit promptly information requested by the

1 commission.

2 3. File a new application annually, by which the
3 applicant's eligibility for a renewed grant will be evaluated
4 and determined.

5 Sec. 7. NEW SECTION. 261.116 APPROPRIATION.

6 There is appropriated from the general fund of the state to
7 the college student aid commission funds sufficient to pay the
8 Iowa military service tuition grants approved pursuant to this
9 division.

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EXPLANATION

11 This bill creates the Iowa military service grant program
12 to be administered by the Iowa college student aid commission.
13 The bill appropriates from the general fund an amount
14 sufficient to fund the program, which is established to
15 provide grants to Iowa residents who have received honorable
16 discharges from the United States armed forces after at least
17 four years of active duty service, whose permanent residence
18 during active duty service was in Iowa, and who are enrolled
19 at an accredited higher education institution located in Iowa
20 as full-time or part-time resident students.

21 Grants awarded shall be distributed to the appropriate
22 accredited higher education institution for payment of
23 educational expenses, including tuition, room, board, and
24 mandatory fees, with any balance to be distributed to the
25 student.

26 Qualified full-time students may receive grants of \$1,000
27 annually for not more than eight semesters of undergraduate
28 study or the trimester or quarter equivalent. A qualified
29 part-time resident student may receive prorated grants for not
30 more than 16 semesters of undergraduate study or the trimester
31 or quarter equivalent.

32 The commission is charged with providing application forms
33 to students enrolled and attending or seeking to enroll and
34 attend an accredited higher education institution; adopting
35 rules for defining tuition and mandatory fees, defining

1 residence for the purposes of the Iowa military service grant
2 program, and processing and approving applications for grants;
3 approving and awarding grants to accredited higher education
4 institutions under the program; and reporting the results of
5 an annual evaluation of the program to the governor and
6 general assembly. If funds are insufficient to pay all
7 approved grants, the commission is also charged with prorating
8 the funds among qualified applicants.

9 Each applicant is required to complete and file an
10 application for a grant on forms provided by the commission,
11 submit promptly information requested by the commission, and
12 file a new application annually.

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