

Senate Study Bill 3032

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BY (PROPOSED DEPARTMENT OF
VETERANS AFFAIRS BILL)

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act concerning state educational assistance to children of
2 deceased veterans and providing an appropriation.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:
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1 1 Section 1. Section 35.9, subsection 2, Code 2007, is
1 2 amended to read as follows:
1 3 2. a. Upon application by a child who has lived in the
~~1 4 state of Iowa for two years preceding application for state~~
~~1 5 educational assistance, and who is the child of a person who~~
1 6 died on or after September 11, 2001, during active federal
1 7 military service while serving in the armed forces or during
1 8 active federal military service in the Iowa national guard or
1 9 other military component of the United States, and who at the
~~1 10 time of entering into active military service had maintained~~
~~1 11 the person's residence in the state for a period of at least~~
~~1 12 six months immediately before entering into active military~~
~~1 13 service,~~ the department shall provide state educational
1 14 assistance in the amount of five thousand five hundred dollars
1 15 per year or the amount of the child's established financial
1 16 need, whichever is less, to defray the expenses of tuition,
1 17 matriculation, laboratory and similar fees, books and
1 18 supplies, board, lodging, and any other reasonably necessary
1 19 expense for the child or children incident to attendance in
1 20 this state at ~~a community college established under chapter~~
~~1 21 260C or at an institution of higher education governed by the~~
~~1 22 state board of regents any postsecondary educational~~
1 23 institution.
1 24 b. A child eligible to receive state educational
1 25 assistance under this subsection shall begin postsecondary
~~1 26 education prior to reaching age twenty-six and shall not~~
1 27 receive more than twenty-seven thousand five hundred dollars
1 28 under this subsection during the child's lifetime. Payments
~~1 29 for state educational assistance for a child under this~~
~~1 30 subsection shall be made to the applicable postsecondary~~
1 31 educational institution. The college student aid commission
1 32 may, if requested, assist the department in administering this
1 33 subsection.
1 34 c. There is appropriated from the general fund of the
~~1 35 state for each fiscal year the sum of twenty-seven thousand~~
~~2 1 five hundred dollars to the war orphans educational assistance~~
~~2 2 fund created in section 35.8 for the purpose of providing~~
~~2 3 educational assistance under this subsection.~~

EXPLANATION

2 4 This bill concerns state educational assistance provided to
2 5 children of persons who died in active military service on or
2 6 after September 11, 2001.
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2 8 The bill eliminates the requirement that the child seeking
2 9 assistance lived in this state for two years preceding the
2 10 application for assistance but adds a requirement that the
2 11 deceased veteran resided in the state for a period of at least
2 12 six months immediately before entering into active military
2 13 service.
2 14 The bill also provides that the state educational
2 15 assistance can be used at any postsecondary institutions in
2 16 the state and not just community colleges and board of regents
2 17 institutions. In addition, the child seeking assistance must
2 18 begin postsecondary education prior to reaching age 26 and
2 19 payments of educational assistance shall be made to the

2 20 institution, not the child.
2 21 The bill also appropriates \$27,500 to the war orphans
2 22 educational assistance fund each fiscal year for the purpose
2 23 of providing educational assistance for children of persons
2 24 who died in active military service on or after September 11,
2 25 2001.
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