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An Act To Provide Educational Opportunities for Dependents of Maine Military Personnel

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

Sec. 1. 37-B MRSA §505, sub-§2, ¶F, as enacted by PL 2001, c. 662, §66, is amended to read:

F. A child of a veteran who is attending state-supported postsecondary vocational schools or institutions of collegiate grade must be admitted free of tuition including mandatory fees and lab fees for associate's and bachelor's programs and, for full-time students, room and board. The tuition and room and board waiver provided under this paragraph may be reduced by an amount necessary to ensure that the value of this waiver, combined with all other grants and benefits received by the student, does not exceed the total cost of education. ~~Room and board may not be waived.~~ A child of a veteran has 6 academic years from the date of first entrance to complete 8 semesters. The director may waive the limit of 6 consecutive academic years when the recipient's education has been interrupted by severe medical disability or illness making continued attendance impossible. For purposes of this paragraph, a student is considered full time if that student meets the class enrollment requirements for full-time students at the school or institution in which the student is enrolled.

SUMMARY

Current law provides a tuition waiver to a state-supported postsecondary school to a child of a veteran; room and board is not included.

This bill includes room and board in the waiver for a child of a veteran when that child is a full-time student.