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**SENATE BILL 600
Education/Higher Education Committee Substitute Adopted 4/17/19
House Committee Substitute Favorable 8/12/19**

Short Title: Vets Children/Short-Term Workforce Training.

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Sponsors:

Referred to:

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1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT PROVIDING THAT CHILDREN OF WARTIME VETERANS RECEIVING A
3 CLASS I-A, I-B, OR IV SCHOLARSHIP MAY USE THOSE FUNDS TO COVER THE
4 COST OF SHORT-TERM WORKFORCE TRAINING COURSES LEADING TO
5 INDUSTRY CREDENTIALS AND PUBLIC SAFETY ANSWERING POINT
6 MODIFICATIONS.

7 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

8 **SECTION 1.(a)** G.S. 143B-1225(a)(1) reads as rewritten:

9 "(1) With respect to State educational institutions, unless expressly limited
10 elsewhere in this Part, a scholarship shall consist of:

- 11 a. Tuition at the State educational institution.
12 b. A standard board allowance.
13 c. A standard room allowance.
14 d. Matriculation and other institutional fees required to be paid as a
15 condition to remaining in the institution and pursuing the course of
16 study selected.
17 e. For Class I-A, I-B, and IV scholarships, as defined by
18 G.S. 143B-1226(b), the cost of short-term workforce training courses
19 leading to industry credentials."

20 **SECTION 1.(b)** G.S. 143B-1226(b)(2) reads as rewritten:

21 "(2) Class I-B: Under this class a limited scholarship providing only those benefits
22 set forth in ~~G.S. 143B-1225(a)(1)a. and d.~~ G.S. 143B-1225(a)(1)a., d., and e.,
23 and G.S. 143B-1225(a)(2) shall be awarded to any child whose veteran parent,
24 at the time the benefits pursuant to this Part are sought to be availed of, is or
25 was at the time of his death receiving compensation for a wartime
26 service-connected disability of one hundred percent (100%) as rated by the
27 United States Department of Veterans Affairs. Provided, that if the veteran
28 parent of a recipient under this class should die of his wartime
29 service-connected condition before the recipient shall have utilized all of his
30 scholarship eligibility time, then the North Carolina Department of Military
31 and Veterans Affairs shall amend the recipient's award from Class I-B to Class
32 I-A for the remainder of the recipient's eligibility time. The effective date of
33 such an amended award shall be determined by the Department of Military
34 and Veterans Affairs but, in no event shall it predate the date of the veteran
35 parent's death."



1 **SECTION 2.(a)** G.S. 143B-1406(d) reads as rewritten:

2 "(d) Use of Funds. – A PSAP that receives a distribution from the 911 Fund may not use
3 the amount received to pay for the lease or purchase of real estate, cosmetic remodeling of
4 emergency dispatch centers, hiring or compensating telecommunicators, or the purchase of
5 mobile communications vehicles, ambulances, fire engines, or other emergency vehicles.
6 Distributions received by a PSAP may be used only to pay for the following:

- 7 (1) The lease, purchase, or maintenance of:
- 8 a. Emergency telephone equipment, including necessary computer
9 hardware, software, and database provisioning.
 - 10 b. Addressing.
 - 11 c. Telecommunicator furniture.
 - 12 d. Dispatch equipment located exclusively within a building where a
13 PSAP or back-up PSAP is located, excluding the costs of base station
14 transmitters, towers, microwave links, and antennae used to dispatch
15 emergency call information from the PSAP or back-up PSAP.

16 (1a) The costs of contracting for communication services incurred by a city or
17 county that operates a PSAP if all of the following apply:

- 18 a. The city or county, or both, have a written agreement with a major
19 military installation as defined in G.S. 143-215.115 that operates a
20 PSAP.
- 21 b. The written agreement requires the parties to mutually serve as a
22 back-up PSAP or military secondary PSAP for each other.
- 23 c. The contract for communication services is necessary to ensure the
24 PSAP operated by the city or county establishes and maintains the
25 maximum amount of next generation 911 system compatibility with
26 the PSAP operated by the major military installation.

27 (2) The nonrecurring costs of establishing a 911 system.

28 (3) Expenditures for in-State training of 911 personnel regarding the maintenance
29 and operation of the 911 system. Allowable training expenses include the cost
30 of transportation, lodging, instructors, certifications, improvement programs,
31 quality assurance training, training associated with call taking, and emergency
32 medical, fire, or law enforcement procedures, and training specific to
33 managing a PSAP or supervising PSAP staff. Training outside the State is not
34 an eligible expenditure unless the training is unavailable in the State or the
35 PSAP documents that the training costs are less if received out-of-state.
36 Training specific to the receipt of 911 calls is allowed only for intake and
37 related call taking quality assurance and improvement. Instructor certification
38 costs and course required prerequisites, including physicals, psychological
39 exams, and drug testing, are not allowable expenditures.

40 (4) Charges associated with the service supplier's 911 service and other service
41 supplier recurring charges. The PSAP providing 911 service is responsible to
42 the communications service provider for all 911 installation, service,
43 equipment, operation, and maintenance charges owed to the communications
44 service provider. A PSAP may contract with a communications service
45 provider on terms agreed to by the PSAP and the provider."

46 **SECTION 2.(b)** G.S. 143B-1400 is amended by adding a new subdivision to read:

47 "(19a) Military secondary PSAP. – A military PSAP that is able to receive the voice
48 and data of a 911 call and to complete the call taking process dispatching law
49 enforcement, medical, fire, or other responders in coordination with the
50 primary PSAP."

1 **SECTION 3.** This act is effective when it becomes law. Sections 1(a) and 1(b) apply
2 to scholarships awarded beginning with the 2019-2020 academic year. Sections 2(a) and 2(b)
3 apply to distributions for the 2019-2020 fiscal year and subsequent fiscal years.