

ACT No. 74

2024 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 385

BY REPRESENTATIVES OWEN, CHASSION, AND KNOX

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 29:288(A)(1) and (B)(1), relative to survivor's education
3 benefits; to provide for education benefits for survivors of qualified veterans; and to
4 provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 29:288(A)(1) and (B)(1) is hereby amended and reenacted to read
7 as follows:

8 §288. Educational benefits for children, spouses, and surviving spouses of veterans

9 A.(1) For the purpose of this Subsection, "qualified veteran" shall mean a
10 member of the armed forces of the United States of America who:

11 (a) Was either killed in action, died in active service from other causes, is
12 missing in action, is a prisoner of war, died as a result of a service-connected
13 disability incurred during a wartime period as defined in R.S. 29:251.2, or who, prior
14 to death, was rated ninety to one hundred percent service-connected disabled by the
15 United States Department of Veterans Affairs by evaluation of the rating schedule
16 or was determined by the department to be unemployable as a result of a
17 service-connected disability, and who was a resident of Louisiana for a period of not
18 less than twelve months immediately preceding entrance into service or for a period
19 not less than ~~twenty-four~~ twelve months prior to the veteran's death or who had been
20 permanently assigned and reported for duty to an active, National Guard, or Reserve
21 installation or assignment in the state of Louisiana.

1 (b) Is rated ninety to one hundred percent service-connected disabled by the
 2 United States Department of Veterans Affairs by evaluation of the rating schedule
 3 or is determined by the department to be unemployable as a result of a
 4 service-connected disability and has been a resident of Louisiana for a period of not
 5 less than ~~twenty-four~~ twelve months prior to the veteran's child's admission into a
 6 program of education at a public postsecondary institution.

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8 B.(1) For the purpose of this Subsection, "qualified veteran" shall mean a
 9 member of the armed forces of the United States of America who was killed in
 10 action, died in active service from other causes, is missing in action, is a prisoner of
 11 war, died as a result of a service-connected disability incurred during a wartime
 12 period as defined in R.S. 29:251.2, or who, prior to death, was rated ninety to one
 13 hundred percent service-connected disabled by the United States Department of
 14 Veterans Affairs by evaluation of the rating schedule or was determined by the
 15 department to be unemployable as a result of a service-connected disability, and was
 16 a resident of Louisiana for a period of not less than twelve months immediately
 17 preceding entrance into service or for a period not less than ~~twenty-four~~ twelve
 18 months prior to death or who had been permanently assigned and reported for duty
 19 to an active, National Guard, or Reserve installation or assignment in the state of
 20 Louisiana.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____