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H. F. No. 982

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Higher Education Finance and Policy

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to higher education; establishing an education benefit for dependents of
1.3 disabled veterans; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter
1.4 136A.

1.5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.6 Section 1. [136A.1468] EDUCATION BENEFIT FOR DEPENDENTS OF DISABLED
1.7 VETERANS.

1.8 Subdivision 1. Eligibility. A person is eligible to receive educational benefits under this
1.9 section if the person:

1.10 (1) is enrolled in an undergraduate degree or certificate program at an institution that is
1.11 operated by this state or the Board of Regents of the University of Minnesota; and

1.12 (2) is a dependent child of a veteran, as defined in section 197.447:

1.13 (i) with a total (100 percent) and permanent disability; or

1.14 (ii) with a disability rating of 70 percent or more.

1.15 Subd. 2. Educational benefit award amount. (a) The amount of the award is 100
1.16 percent of the actual tuition, fees charged by the institution, and books after subtracting
1.17 state and federal grants, scholarships, and financial aid for dependents under subdivision
1.18 1, clause (2), item (i). The award is 50 percent of the actual tuition, fees charged by the
1.19 institution, and books after subtracting state and federal grants, scholarships, and financial
1.20 aid for dependents under subdivision 1, clause (2), item (ii).

1.21 (b) An award under this subdivision must not affect a recipient's eligibility for a state
1.22 grant under section 136A.121.

2.1 (c) For the purposes of this subdivision, "fees" include only those fees that are mandatory
2.2 and charged to all students attending the institution.

2.3 Subd. 3. **Payment.** On proof of eligibility for this program, an eligible institution, on
2.4 behalf of the student, shall request payment of the award from the Office of Higher Education.
2.5 An institution must not request payment unless the student is enrolled in or has completed
2.6 the term for which the payment is intended.