

**Sixty-eighth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 3, 2023**

HOUSE BILL NO. 1196
(Representatives Pyle, Heilman, Karls, Rohr, Schreiber-Beck)
(Senators Lemm, Rust)

AN ACT to amend and reenact section 15-10-18.3 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to free tuition for dependents of disabled veterans or veterans killed in action.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

SECTION 1. AMENDMENT. Section 15-10-18.3 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

15-10-18.3. Free tuition in North Dakota institutions of higher education.

~~Any~~^A dependent, as defined in section 15-10-18.2, upon being duly accepted for enrollment into ~~any~~^{an} undergraduate degree or certificate program of a North Dakota state institution of higher education, must be allowed to obtain a bachelor's degree or certificate of completion, for so long as the dependent is eligible, free of any tuition and fee charges ~~if the bachelor's degree or certificate of completion is earned within a forty-five-month or ten-semester period or its equivalent and~~ if tuition and fee charges do not include costs for aviation flight charges or expenses. Once an individual qualifies as a dependent under ~~sections~~^{section} 15-10-18.2 and ~~15-10-18.3~~^{this section}, the dependent may not be disqualified from the benefits of this section:

1. Due to the return of the prisoner of war;
2. Due to the return of the individual missing in action; or
3. Because the veteran through whom the benefit was obtained had a one hundred percent service-connected disability at the time of death.

Speaker of the House

President of the Senate

Chief Clerk of the House

Secretary of the Senate

This certifies that the within bill originated in the House of Representatives of the Sixty-eighth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as House Bill No. 1196.

House Vote: Yeas 91 Nays 0 Absent 3

Senate Vote: Yeas 47 Nays 0 Absent 0

Chief Clerk of the House

Received by the Governor at _____ M. on _____, 2023.

Approved at _____ M. on _____, 2023.

Governor

Filed in this office this _____ day of _____, 2023,

at _____ o'clock _____ M.

Secretary of State