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HOUSE BILL DRH30350-MK-116

Short Title: Modify Opp. Scholarship/Children of Veterans. (Public)

Sponsors: Representative Graham.

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO EXPAND ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR THE OPPORTUNITY  
3 SCHOLARSHIP GRANT PROGRAM TO CHILDREN OF VETERANS WITHOUT  
4 REQUIRING PRIOR ATTENDANCE IN A NORTH CAROLINA PUBLIC SCHOOL  
5 AND TO WAIVE INCOME ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR VETERANS WITH A  
6 SERVICE-CONNECTED DISABILITY OF ONE HUNDRED PERCENT.

7 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

8 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 115C-562.1(3) reads as rewritten:

9 "(3) Eligible students. – A student residing in North Carolina who has not yet  
10 received a high school diploma and who meets all of the following  
11 requirements:

12 a. Meets one of the following criteria:

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14 6. Is a child whose parent or legal guardian (i) is on full-time duty  
15 status in the active uniformed service of the United States,  
16 including members of the National Guard and Reserve on  
17 active duty orders pursuant to 10 U.S.C. § 12301, et seq., and  
18 10 U.S.C. § 12401, et seq., or (ii) served on active duty,  
19 other than for training, in any component of the Armed Forces  
20 of the United States for a period of 180 days or more, unless  
21 released earlier because of service-connected disability, and  
22 who was discharged or released from the Armed Forces of the  
23 United States under other than dishonorable conditions.

24 a1. Has not enrolled in a postsecondary institution in a matriculated status  
25 eligible for enrollment for 12 hours of academic credit.

26 b. Meets one of the following criteria:

27 1. Resides in a household with an income level not in excess of  
28 one hundred fifty percent (150%) of the amount required for  
29 the student to qualify for the federal free or reduced-price lunch  
30 program. The Authority shall not count any distribution from  
31 the estate of a decedent in calculating the income level of the  
32 applicant's household for the purposes of determining  
33 eligibility for a scholarship under this  
34 sub-subdivision.sub-sub-subdivision.

35 2. Is a child whose parent (i) served on active duty, other than for  
36 training, in any component of the Armed Forces of the United



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1 States for a period of 180 days or more, unless released earlier  
2 because of service-connected disability, and who was  
3 discharged or released from the Armed Forces of the United  
4 States under other than dishonorable conditions and (ii) has, or  
5 had at the time of his or her death, a service-connected  
6 disability of one hundred percent (100%) as rated by the United  
7 States Department of Veterans Affairs."

8 **SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law and applies beginning with  
9 applications submitted for scholarship grants for the 2022-2023 school year.