

Military, Veterans, and Indian Affairs

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H1053 - PED/Military OL & Audiology Interstate Compct. (SL 2020-87)

S.L. 2020-87 implements recommendations from the Program Evaluation Division regarding ways to improve the occupational licensing process for military-trained applicants and military spouses; and makes North Carolina a member of the Interstate Compact for Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology.

Part I of this act becomes effective December 1, 2020, and applies to applications for licensure received on or after that date. Part II of this act becomes effective when at least 10 states have enacted the Interstate Compact for Audiology and Speech Pathology. Part III of this act became effective July 2, 2020.

H1105 - Coronavirus Relief Act 3.0.

Sec. 3.4: North Carolina Patriot Star Family Scholarship Program. (SL 2020-97)

Sec. 3.4 of S.L. 2020-97 provides funding in the form of grants to the Patriot Foundation and the Marine Corps Scholarship Foundation, Inc., (nonprofits) to establish the North Carolina Patriot Star Family Scholarship Program (Program) for postsecondary scholarships for eligible children and spouses of certain qualifying veterans and members of the Armed Forces.

The following criteria must be met for award of a scholarship by the nonprofits:

- Children - An eligible child must meet the following criteria:
 - Attend or be accepted to enroll in an eligible postsecondary institution.
 - Be a legal resident of the State when the scholarship documentation is completed. For children claimed as a dependent by their parent, residency can be established based on the parent being an active duty service member permanently stationed in the State.
 - Have complied with the requirements of the Selective Service System.
 - Have a parent who is a veteran or a currently serving member of the Armed Forces that meets both of the following criteria:
 - One of the following residency conditions:
 - A resident of the State at the time of scholarship documentation completion.
 - A resident of the State at the time of service entrance.
 - Permanently stationed in the State at the time of death.
 - An active duty service member permanently stationed in the State at the time of scholarship documentation completion.
- One of the following service conditions:
 - A service member killed in action or the line of duty, or who died of wounds or other causes not due to willful misconduct during a period of war or national emergency.
 - A service member who died of service-connected injuries, wounds, illness, or other causes incurred or aggravated while enlisted during a period of war or national emergency.
 - A service veteran who incurred traumatic injuries or wounds or sustained a major illness while enlisted during a period of war or national emergency and is receiving compensation for a wartime service-connected disability of at least fifty percent (50%).
 - A current service member who incurred traumatic injuries or wounds or sustained a major illness while enlisted during a period of war or national emergency.

- Spouse – An eligible spouse must meet the following criteria:
 - Attend or be accepted to enroll in an eligible postsecondary institution.
 - Be a legal resident of the State when the scholarship documentation is completed.
 - Have complied with the requirements of the Selective Service System.
 - Was married to a service member killed in action or in the line of duty, or died of wounds or other causes not due to the service member's willful misconduct during a period of war or national emergency.

The nonprofits must establish criteria for administration of the Program. A scholarship awarded to an eligible child or spouse must not exceed the cost of attendance at the eligible postsecondary institution, and must be reduced by other scholarships and grants covering costs of attendance. The nonprofits must each report to the Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee and the Fiscal Research Division on the use of State funds and activities related to the Program administration by April 1, 2021.

This section became effective September 4, 2020.

S560 - Scholarships for Children of Wartime Veterans. (SL 2020-1)

S.L. 2020-1 provides additional funding for the North Carolina Scholarship for Children of Wartime Veterans.

The act became effective July 1, 2019.

S681 - Agency Policy Directives/2019-2020.

Sec. 17.1: Department of Military and Veterans Affairs/Military Presence Stabilization Fund. (SL 2020-78)

Sec. 17.1 of S.L. 2020-78 does all of the following:

- Specifies how the Military Presence Stabilization Fund may be used.
- Directs the North Carolina Military Affairs Commission to report expenditures from the Fund to the General Assembly annually.
- Provides an uncodified process including a timeline, for the payment of expenses from the Military Presence Stabilization Fund by the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs.

This section of the act became effective July 1, 2020.

S681 - Agency Policy Directives/2019-2020.

Sec. 17.2: Veterans Affairs Commission/Awarding of Service Medals. (SL 2020-78)

Sec. 17.2 of S.L. 2020-78 eliminates the Veterans' Affairs Commission's duty to promulgate rules concerning awarding the North Carolina Services Medal.

This section of the act became effective July 1, 2020.

S681 - Agency Policy Directives/2019-2020.

Sec. 17.3: Department of Military and Veterans Affairs/Technical Amendment to Delete Obsolete Language from Statute Regulating Scholarships. (SL 2020-78)

Sec. 17.3 of S.L. 2020-78, deleted obsolete language in G.S. 143B-1225(a)(4), that gave recipients of the scholarship for dependents of North Carolina's Wartime Veterans until August 1, 2010, to use their scholarship.

This section became effective July 1, 2020.

S681 - Agency Policy Directives/2019-2020.

Sec. 17.4: Establish North Carolina Veterans Cemetery Trust Fund. (SL 2020-78)

Sec. 17.4 of S.L. 2020-78, establishes the North Carolina Veterans Cemeteries Trust Fund (Fund), a special fund within and administered by the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs (Department) consisting of interest and investment earnings on monies in the Fund and any other funds, as directed by the General Assembly. This section requires the Fund to accumulate until sufficient interest is generated to maintain the State's veterans' cemeteries once they have reached full capacity, limits use of interest earnings to maintenance of existing veterans' cemeteries once they reach full capacity, prohibits expenditure of interest to open new veterans' cemeteries, prohibits any spending of the principal, and gives the Veterans Affairs Commission sole authority to approve the authorized uses of the Fund without direction from or supervision of the Secretary of the Department.

This section became effective July 1, 2020.

S801 - Military Presence Stabilization Fund/Funding. (SL 2020-24)

S.L. 2020-24 appropriates funds to the Military Presence Stabilization Fund.

This act became effective July 1, 2020.