

1 HB554
2 212479-4
3 By Representative Rich
4 RFD: Ways and Means Education
5 First Read: 18-MAR-21

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2 ENROLLED, An Act,

3 Relating to children of disabled and deceased
4 veterans and prisoners of war; to amend Section 31-6-2, Code
5 of Alabama 1975, and to add Section 31-6-2.1 to the Code of
6 Alabama 1975, to provide further for educational benefits for
7 children of disabled and deceased veterans and children
8 otherwise eligible for educational benefits attending a
9 comprehensive transition and postsecondary program for
10 students with intellectual disabilities at a state four-year
11 college or university.

12 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

13 Section 1. Section 31-6-2, Code of Alabama 1975, is
14 amended to read as follows:

15 "§31-6-2.

16 "For the purposes of this chapter, the following
17 terms shall have the meanings ascribed to them by this
18 section:

19 "(1) ARMED FORCES. ~~Such~~ The term ~~shall include~~
20 includes the United States Army, Air Force, Navy, Marine
21 Corps, Space Force, and Coast Guard, ~~and such~~. The term ~~shall~~
22 also ~~include~~ includes the units of those branches of the
23 services having women troops. ~~It shall also include~~ and the
24 Army, Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard Nurse Corps.

1 "(2) COMPREHENSIVE TRANSITION AND POSTSECONDARY
2 PROGRAM FOR STUDENTS WITH INTELLECTUAL DISABILITIES. Has the
3 same meaning as in 20 U.S.C. § 1140.

4 "~~(2) (3)~~ HUSBAND. ~~Such term shall mean spouse~~ Spouse.

5 "~~(3) (4)~~ TUITION. Fees for instruction.

6 "~~(4) (5)~~ TUITION AND FEES. All fees known and classed
7 as instructional fees.

8 "~~(5) (6)~~ WIDOW. ~~Such term shall mean widow or~~
9 ~~widower.~~ WIDOW or WIDOWER. An individual whose spouse is
10 deceased.

11 "~~(6) (7)~~ WIFE. ~~Such term shall mean spouse~~ Spouse."

12 Section 2. Section 31-6-2.1 is added to the Code of
13 Alabama 1975, to read as follows:

14 §31-6-2.1.

15 For the purposes of this chapter, in addition to any
16 other benefits granted under this chapter, any child of a
17 disabled or deceased veteran or otherwise eligible for
18 educational benefits under this chapter who is admitted to
19 attend and attends a comprehensive transition and
20 postsecondary program for students with intellectual
21 disabilities at a state four-year college or university shall
22 be eligible to receive benefits equal to the benefits provided
23 pursuant to this chapter, to any other child eligible for
24 educational benefits in an undergraduate course of study at a
25 state four-year college or university under this chapter

1 without regard as to whether the program is a degree,
2 certificate, or non-degree program.

3 Section 3. This act shall become effective
4 immediately following its passage and approval by the
5 Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.

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Speaker of the House of Representatives

President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

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I hereby certify that the within Act originated in
and was passed by the House 15-APR-21, as amended.

Jeff Woodard
Clerk

Senate 29-APR-21 Passed
