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REFERRED TO VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS,
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AN ACT

1 Amending Title 51 (Military Affairs) of the Pennsylvania
2 Consolidated Statutes, in educational assistance program,
3 further providing for definitions; and, in educational
4 gratuity program, further providing for definitions.

5 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
6 hereby enacts as follows:

7 Section 1. The definition of "approved institution of higher
8 learning" in section 3201 of Title 51 of the Pennsylvania
9 Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:

10 § 3201. Definitions.

11 The following words and phrases when used in this subchapter
12 shall have the meanings given to them in this section unless the
13 context clearly indicates otherwise:

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15 "Approved institution of higher learning." An educational
16 institution offering a [post-secondary] postsecondary program of
17 education located in this Commonwealth and approved by the
18 Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency. The term shall

1 not include a private for-profit postsecondary educational
2 institution that awards degrees and certificates and provides
3 more than a majority of its educational programs through
4 distance learning.

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6 Section 2. The definition of "educational institution" in
7 section 8701 of Title 51 is amended to read:

8 § 8701. Definitions.

9 The following words and phrases when used in this chapter
10 shall have the meanings given to them in this section unless the
11 context clearly indicates otherwise:

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13 "Educational institution." Any college or university of the
14 State System of Higher Education, a State-aided educational or
15 training institution of a secondary or college grade or other
16 institution of higher education, a business school, a trade
17 school, a hospital school providing training for nurses, an
18 institution providing courses in beauty culture, art, radio or
19 undertaking or embalming, or such other educational training
20 within this Commonwealth approved by the commission. The term
21 shall not include a private for-profit postsecondary educational
22 institution that awards degrees and certificates and provides
23 more than a majority of its educational programs through
24 distance learning.

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26 Section 3. From appropriations to it for this purpose, the
27 Department of Military Affairs may continue to pay the
28 following:

29 (1) Tuition credit grants to members who, prior to the
30 effective date of this section, received or applied for

1 grants under 51 Pa.C.S. Ch. 32.

2 (2) Educational gratuities to qualified children who,
3 prior to the effective date of this section, received or
4 applied for education gratuities under 51 Pa.C.S. Ch. 87,
5 for enrollment at a private for-profit postsecondary educational
6 institution that awards degrees and certificates and provides
7 more than a majority of its educational programs through
8 distance learning for a period not to exceed three years
9 following the effective date of this section, upon the election
10 of the member or the qualified child to complete the educational
11 program at the private for-profit postsecondary educational
12 entity.

13 Section 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2015.