

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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AND YOUNGBLOOD, MAY 12, 1999

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY  
PREPAREDNESS, MAY 12, 1999

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of October 11, 1972 (P.L.909, No.216), entitled  
2 "An act providing scholarships for qualified veterans who  
3 need financial assistance to complete approved program of  
4 education and making an appropriation," further defining  
5 "qualified veterans."

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

8 Section 1. Section 2 of the act of October 11, 1972  
9 (P.L.909, No.216), known as the Veterans' Education Act of 1971,  
10 is amended to read:

11 Section 2. Definitions.--As used in this act:

12 (1) "Qualified veterans" means any veteran who:

13 (i) Served on active duty for a period of [more than one  
14 hundred eighty days] ninety days or more and part of which  
15 accrued after January 31, 1955 and who was discharged or  
16 released therefrom under conditions other than dishonorable, or  
17 who was released or discharged from active duty after January  
18 31, 1955 for a service-connected disability.

19 (ii) Was a resident of Pennsylvania for at least twelve

1 months immediately preceding his service on active duty, has  
2 continued to reside in Pennsylvania following his discharge or  
3 release from active duty and continues to reside in Pennsylvania  
4 during the period in which he is enrolled in an institution of  
5 higher learning. The agency shall make the final determination  
6 in all questions of residency.

7 (iii) Shall satisfactorily meet the qualification of  
8 financial need as determined by uniform standards and procedures  
9 to be established by the agency and to be determined without  
10 regard to the financial status of their parents unless the  
11 agency finds that the applicant is in fact receiving parental  
12 financial support.

13 (2) "Approved program of education" means any degree or non-  
14 degree curriculum or course of study to be pursued on a full-  
15 time basis for a duration of at least two academic years or its  
16 equivalent at an approved institution of higher learning.

17 (3) "Approved institution of higher learning" shall mean any  
18 institution of higher learning approved by the agency.

19 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.