

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

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MURT, MARSHALL AND ENGLISH, MAY 30, 2013

AS AMENDED ON THIRD CONSIDERATION, IN SENATE, JUNE 3, 2014

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 51 (Military Affairs) of the Pennsylvania
2 Consolidated Statutes, further providing for educational
3 leave of absence; AND PROVIDING FOR HEROIC SERVICE WEBSITE. <--

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

6 Section 1. Section 7313 of Title 51 of the Pennsylvania
7 Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:

8 § 7313. Educational leave of absence.

9 Whenever any member of the Pennsylvania National Guard or
10 other reserve component of the armed forces of the United States
11 shall be called or ordered to active duty, other than active
12 duty for training, including, in the case of members of the
13 Pennsylvania National Guard, active State duty, the educational
14 institution in which the member is enrolled shall grant the
15 member or the member's spouse a military leave of absence from
16 their education. The member or the member's spouse shall receive

1 an "M" OR "MILITARY" on their grade transcript for all classes <--
2 they are unable to complete due to a military leave of absence.
3 Members and spouses on military leave of absence from their
4 educational institution shall be entitled, upon the member's
5 release from military duty, to be restored to the educational
6 status they had attained prior to the member's being ordered to
7 military duty without loss of academic credits earned,
8 scholarships or grants awarded or tuition and other fees paid
9 prior to the commencement of the military duty. It shall be the
10 duty of the educational institution to refund tuition or fees
11 paid or to credit the tuition and fees to the next semester or
12 term after the termination of the educational military leave of
13 absence at the option of the student.

14 SECTION 2. TITLE 51 IS AMENDED BY ADDING A CHAPTER TO READ: <--

15 CHAPTER 97

16 HEROIC SERVICE WEBSITE

17 SEC.

18 9701. RESPONSIBILITIES.

19 § 9701. RESPONSIBILITIES.--

20 THE DEPARTMENT SHALL HAVE THE FOLLOWING RESPONSIBILITIES:

21 (1) IN CONSULTATION AND COOPERATION WITH THE UNITED

22 STATES DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE, TO CREATE, ADMINISTER AND <--

23 MAINTAIN THE DEPARTMENT SHALL PROVIDE PUBLIC ACCESS TO A <--

24 SEARCHABLE DATABASE OF INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE BEEN AWARDED THE

25 MEDAL OF HONOR AS WELL AS ANY OTHER AWARD OR DECORATION THAT <--

26 IS, THE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS, THE NAVY CROSS, THE AIR <--

27 FORCE CROSS AND THE SILVER STAR, WHICH ARE GRANTED FOR HEROIC

28 SERVICE IN THE ARMED FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES. THE

29 SEARCHABLE DATABASE SHALL INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:

30 (I) THE RECIPIENT'S FULL NAME.

1 (II) THE RECIPIENT'S DATES OF SERVICE.
2 (III) THE NAME OF THE AWARD OR DECORATION.
3 (IV) THE DATE OF AWARD OR DECORATION.
4 (2) WITHIN ONE YEAR OF THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS
5 PARAGRAPH, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ISSUE A REPORT DETAILING THE
6 FEASIBILITY OF EXPANDING THE DATABASE ESTABLISHED UNDER
7 PARAGRAPH (1) OF TO ALL MILITARY AWARDS AND DECORATIONS. THE <--
8 REPORT SHALL INCLUDE AN ESTIMATE OF THE COSTS TO THE
9 DEPARTMENT ASSOCIATED WITH THE ESTABLISHMENT, ADMINISTRATION
10 AND MAINTENANCE OF THE EXPANDED DATABASE UNDER THIS
11 PARAGRAPH. THE REPORT SHALL BE PUBLISHED ON THE DEPARTMENT'S
12 PUBLICLY ACCESSIBLE INTERNET WEBSITE AND SHALL BE DELIVERED
13 TO THE VETERANS' AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS COMMITTEE
14 OF THE SENATE AND TO THE VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY
15 PREPAREDNESS COMMITTEE OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.
16 (3) THE DATABASE ESTABLISHED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) <--
17 INFORMATION PURSUANT TO THIS CHAPTER SHALL BE AVAILABLE ON <--
18 THE DEPARTMENT'S PUBLICLY ACCESSIBLE INTERNET WEBSITE WITHIN <--
19 THREE MONTHS OF THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS CHAPTER.
20 Section 2 3. This act shall take effect in 60 days. <--