

## THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

## SENATE BILL

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SENATOR THOMPSON, APPROPRIATIONS, RE-REPORTED AS AMENDED,  
SEPTEMBER 26, 2005

## AN ACT

1 Amending Title 51 (Military Affairs) of the Pennsylvania  
2 Consolidated Statutes, defining "combat zone"; and further  
3 providing for limitations in educational assistance program.

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

6 Section 1. Section 3201 of Title 51 of the Pennsylvania  
7 Consolidated Statutes is amended by adding a definition to read:  
8 § 3201. 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 "Combat zone." An area designated by Presidential Executive  
14 order as a combat zone as described in section 7508 of the  
15 Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (Public Law 99-514, 26 U.S.C. §  
16 7508).

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2 Section 2. Section 3206 of Title 51 is amended to read:

3 § 3206. Limitations.

4 (a) Time.--[No]

5 (1) Except as otherwise provided in paragraph (2), no  
6 member shall be eligible for full-time or part-time student  
7 assistance grants or a combination thereof under this chapter  
8 for a total of more than five academic years or their  
9 equivalent as determined by the agency.

10 (2) For any member who served on active duty in a combat  
11 zone, eligibility for such grants shall be extended for a  
12 period ~~not less than one year and no greater than~~ OF ONE YEAR <—  
13 OR FOR one additional month for each month or part of month  
14 of such service, WHICHEVER IS LONGER. <—

15 (b) Active duty.--[No]

16 (1) Except as otherwise provided in paragraph (2), no  
17 grant payments shall be made under this chapter except during  
18 the eligible member's term of service as a member in good  
19 standing of the Pennsylvania National Guard.

20 (2) For eligible members who were called or ordered to  
21 active Federal service or active State duty under section 508  
22 (relating to active State duty for emergency) after September  
23 11, 2001, the deadline for making grant payments shall be  
24 extended for one additional month for each month or part of  
25 month of such service after the member is discharged or  
26 released under honorable conditions from the Pennsylvania  
27 National Guard.

28 Section 3. This act shall take effect in 60 days.