

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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REFERRED TO VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS,
OCTOBER 9, 2013

AN ACT

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

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 "Costs of pursuing approved program of education." Tuition
14 and fees, room and board and textbooks as long as such costs are
15 documented by the approved institution of higher learning.

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17 Section 2. Section 3205(c) of Title 51 is amended to read:

1 § 3205. Amount of grants.

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3 [(c) Other grants.--The agency shall not reduce the amount]

4 (c) Other grants and financial aid.--

5 (1) The agency shall not reduce the amount of other
6 agency grants or aid for which the eligible member qualifies
7 on account of the member's eligibility for or receipt of
8 grants under this chapter.

9 (2) Prior to making a grant under this chapter, the
10 agency shall first consider any Federal tuition assistance
11 received by the eligible member and then shall award a grant
12 under this chapter if the eligible member requires additional
13 financial aid to cover documented costs of pursuing an
14 approved program of education. A grant under this chapter
15 shall not be paid or refunded to the eligible member for use
16 for other than the costs of pursuing an approved program of
17 education. Excess grants shall be refunded by the approved
18 institution of higher learning to the agency for deposit in
19 the fund.

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