

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 1043 Session of
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STACK, REGOLA, PICCOLA AND C. WILLIAMS, JANUARY 19, 2006

REFERRED TO VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS,
JANUARY 19, 2006

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 51 (Military Affairs) of the Pennsylvania
2 Consolidated Statutes, further providing for tuition costs
3 and fees for children and spouses of deceased soldiers.

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

6 Section 1. Section 3503 of Title 51 of the Pennsylvania
7 Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:

8 § 3503. Tuition [credit] waiver for children and spouses of
9 deceased soldiers.

10 (a) [General rule] Children.--The children of members of the
11 Pennsylvania National Guard who were killed or die as a result
12 of injuries received while in Federal or State active duty shall
13 be entitled to a [50% tuition credit] waiver of all tuition
14 costs and fees remaining after receipt of other scholarships and
15 education benefits and Federal and State grants at all
16 Pennsylvania State-owned colleges or universities or approved

1 trade schools in this Commonwealth for a period not exceeding
2 eight semesters or four years, whichever is greater.

3 (a.1) Spouses.--The spouse of a member of the Pennsylvania
4 National Guard who was killed or dies as a result of injuries
5 received while in Federal or State active duty shall be entitled
6 to a waiver of all tuition costs and fees remaining after
7 receipt of other scholarships and education benefits and Federal
8 and State grants at any Pennsylvania State-owned college or
9 university or approved trade school in this Commonwealth for a
10 period not exceeding eight semesters or four years, whichever is
11 greater. A spouse shall be eligible for a waiver of all tuition
12 costs and fees remaining after receipt of other scholarships and
13 education benefits and Federal and State grants under this
14 subsection for a period not to exceed ten years from the date
15 the member is killed or dies as a result of injuries while in
16 Federal or State active duty or until the spouse remarries,
17 whichever occurs first.

18 (b) Department to administer program.--The department shall
19 adopt rules and regulations to carry out the provisions of this
20 section and shall administer the tuition [credit] cost and fee
21 waiver program established under this section.

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