

Senate Bill 196

By: Senators Reed of the 35th, Harp of the 29th, Thompson of the 33rd, Tarver of the 22nd and Harbison of the 15th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Part 4 of Article 7 of Chapter 3 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia
2 Annotated, relating to military scholarships, so as to provide for scholarships for the children
3 of persons killed or disabled as a result of combat wounds; to define certain terms; to provide
4 for a scholarship equal to the tuition charges; to provide that the grant of such scholarships
5 shall be contingent on funding; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 1.**

8 Part 4 of Article 7 of Chapter 3 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
9 relating to military scholarships, is amended by adding three new Code sections as follows:
10 "20-3-495.

11 As used in this part, the term:

12 (1) 'Approved school' means a school which is a unit of the University System of
13 Georgia or a branch of the Georgia Department of Technical and Adult Education.

14 (2) 'Eligible student' means a person who:

15 (A) Is a child whose parent sustained qualified combat-related injuries.

16 (B) Meets residency requirements to be classified as a legal resident of Georgia as
17 established pursuant to regulations of the authority and who remains a citizen of the
18 state while receiving funds under this part; and

19 (C) Is 25 years of age or younger and is enrolled as a full-time or part-time student in
20 an approved school.

21 (3) 'Parent' means the biological parent, adoptive parent, or legal guardian of an eligible
22 student.

23 (4) 'Qualifying combat-related injury' means injuries sustained as a member of the
24 United States armed forces in a location outside of the United States and its territories
25 designated by the United States Department of Defense as a combat zone after September
26 11, 2001, which results in death or a 50 percent disability.

1 20-3-496.

2 There is granted to each eligible student attending an approved school a scholarship grant
3 for a maximum of four award years in a sum equal to the total tuition charged to such
4 student.

5 20-3-497.

6 Grant assistance to eligible students under this part shall be payable on a pro rata basis
7 based upon whether the student is enrolled full time or part time and the number of
8 semesters or quarters of enrollment. The payment of grants to eligible students under this
9 part shall be contingent upon the appropriation of funds by the General Assembly for the
10 purposes of this part in annual appropriations Acts of the General Assembly."

11 **SECTION 2.**

12 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.