

Senate Bill 196

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AS PASSED SENATE

**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 **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 was a legal resident of Georgia at the time he or she
16 sustained qualified combat-related injuries.

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

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

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

24 (4) 'Qualifying combat-related injury' means injuries sustained as a member of the
25 United States armed forces, the Georgia National Guard, or a reserve component of the
26 armed forces of the United States in a location outside of the United States and its

1 territories designated by the United States Department of Defense as a combat zone after
2 September 11, 2001, which results in death or a 50 percent or greater disability.

3 20-3-496.

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

7 20-3-497.

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

13 **SECTION 2.**

14 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.