

Subject Higher education: dependents of disabled veterans

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Overview

This bill creates a new financial aid program for students attending Minnesota public postsecondary institutions who are dependents of disabled veterans.

Summary

Section	Description
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1	Education benefit for dependents of disabled veterans.
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Creates a new financial aid program.

Subd. 1. Eligibility. Sets eligibility standards for the benefit. These standards limit the benefit to students attending institutions within the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities system or the University of Minnesota system.

Subd. 2. Educational benefit award amount. Creates two award amount levels based on eligibility status:

- for dependents of a veteran with a total and permanent disability: the award amount is 100 percent of tuition, fees, and books after deducting other state and federal financial aid received; and
- for dependents of a veteran with a disability rating of 70 percent or more, the award amount is 50 percent of tuition, fees, and books after deducting other state and federal financial aid received.

Subd. 3. Payment. Requires the student's institution to request payment on behalf of the student from the Office of Higher Education.