

Subject Veterans Education Program

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## Overview

This bill updates the state's veterans education program.

## Summary

Section	Description
1	<p><b>Definitions.</b></p> <p>This section amends definitions used in the State Soldiers Assistance Program (SSAP) veterans education benefit. The changes in the definitions eliminate the \$750 benefit that is currently available to veterans, but preserves that benefit for the surviving spouse and dependents of a prisoner of war (POW), a servicemember missing in action (MIA), or a deceased veteran.</p>
2	<p><b>Benefits; eligibility.</b></p> <p>Makes changes to the statutory benefit and eligibility terms to reflect that only surviving spouses and dependents of a prisoner of war, an MIA servicemember, or a deceased veteran are eligible to receive an SSAP education benefit. Clarifies that a person remains eligible for the benefit even if the person's parent/spouse is no longer a POW or MIA.</p>
3	<p><b>Proof of eligibility.</b></p> <p>Clarifies the proof of eligibility that an applicant for an SSAP education benefit must submit to the commissioner.</p>
4	<p><b>Participation by eligible institutions.</b></p> <p>Contains a technical amendment.</p>
5	<p><b>Reports.</b></p> <p>Requires education institutions participating in the SSAP education benefit program to submit an annual report to the commissioner.</p>

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6	<b>Appropriation.</b> Contains a conforming change.
7	<b>Repealer.</b> Repeals a section of law that was recodified in sections 1 and 2 of this bill.



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