

**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	<b>Education benefit for dependents of disabled veterans.</b>
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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 100 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.