

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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SENATE BILL 617

Short Title: Scholarships to Children of War Veterans. (Public)

Sponsors: Senators Davis, Daniel, and Burgin (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to: Rules and Operations of the Senate

April 7, 2021

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF CHILDREN OF WARTIME VETERANS WHO
3 ARE ELIGIBLE TO BE AWARDED SCHOLARSHIPS UNDER CLASSES II AND III.
4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 143B-1226 reads as rewritten:

6 "**§ 143B-1226. Classes or categories of eligibility under which scholarships may be**
7 **awarded.**

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9 (b) Scholarship Eligibility Classes. –

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11 (3) Class II: Under this class a scholarship may be awarded to not more than ~~400~~
12 125 children yearly, each of whose veteran parent, at the time the benefits
13 pursuant to this Part are sought to be availed of:

14 a. Is or was at the time of the parent's death receiving compensation for
15 a wartime service-connected disability of twenty percent (20%) or
16 more, but less than one hundred percent (100%), as rated by the United
17 States Department of Veterans Affairs, or

18 b. Was awarded a Purple Heart for wounds received as a result of an act
19 of any opposing armed force, as a result of an international terrorist
20 attack, or as a result of military operations while serving as part of a
21 peacekeeping force.

22 (4) Class III: Under this class a scholarship may be awarded to not more than ~~400~~
23 125 children yearly, each of whose veteran parent, at the time the benefits
24 pursuant to this Part are sought to be availed of:

25 a. Is or was at the time of his death drawing pension for permanent and
26 total disability, nonservice-connected, as rated by the United States
27 Department of Veterans Affairs.

28 b. Is deceased.

29 c. Served in a combat zone, or waters adjacent to a combat zone, or any
30 other campaign, expedition, or engagement for which the United
31 States Department of Defense authorizes a campaign badge or medal.

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33 **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2021.

