

Ohio Legislative Service Commission

Bill Analysis

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Reps. Wachtmann, Grossman, Brenner, Gardner, Carey, J. Adams, Derickson, Buchy, Stebelton, Yuko, Blair, Combs, Hottinger, Pillich, Goodwin, O'Brien, Barnes

BILL SUMMARY

• Specifies that a child of a deceased or disabled veteran who served in Grenada during the intervention is eligible for a war orphans scholarship.

CONTENT AND OPERATION

The War Orphans Scholarship Program

The bill specifies that children of deceased or disabled veterans who served between October 25, 1983, and December 12, 1983, in Grenada during the intervention are eligible to participate in the War Orphans Scholarship Program.¹

The War Orphans Scholarship Program provides college scholarships to children of certain deceased or disabled veterans who served during periods of war. The War Orphans Scholarship Board is responsible for determining the amount of scholarships, who is eligible to receive them, and any other functions necessary to administer the program.²

Scholarships awarded by the Board are of two types, both of which may be awarded for a maximum of five years of undergraduate study. The first type is an exemption from 100% of the instructional and general fees charged by a state university or college. In the event there are insufficient funds to fully fund all these scholarships, the Board has the authority, generally, to decrease the amount of the scholarships. The second type is for students who attend a private college or university or a private career school and who are pursuing an associate degree or a baccalaureate degree. The

¹ R.C. 5910.01.

² R.C. 5910.02, not in the bill.

scholarship amount is equivalent to the average amount of a scholarship awarded to a student attending a state university or college in the previous year, unless there are insufficient funds for fully funded scholarships. A grant to a private school student cannot exceed the total general and instructional charges of the institution.³

Under current law, the following students are eligible for war orphans scholarships:

- Children of deceased or disabled veterans of the United States armed services who served in World War I, World War II, the Korean War, the Vietnam War, the Persian Gulf War, Operation Enduring Freedom (Afghanistan), Operation Iraqi Freedom, or any other period of conflict established by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs for pension purposes.⁴
- Children of members of the U.S. Merchant Marine who had an honorable report of separation from active duty military service or who died on active duty while serving in a war zone during World War II.⁵
- Children of deceased or disabled members of the Ohio National Guard and armed services reserves who are either killed or permanently and totally disabled while on active military duty or while at a scheduled training event.⁶
- Children of members of the U.S. armed services declared prisoners of war or missing in action by the U.S. Department of Defense during an armed conflict occurring on or after January 1, 1960.⁷

HISTORY		
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³ R.C. 5910.04, not in the bill.		
⁴ R.C. 5910.01(B)(1).		
⁵ R.C. 5910.01(B).		
⁶ R.C. 5110.031, not in the bill.		

⁷ R.C. 5110.032, not in the bill.