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ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTH LEGISLATURE

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No. 1700

S. P. 560

In Senate, April 29, 1971

Reported by Senator Anderson of Hancock from Committee on Veterans and Retirement and printed under Joint Rules No. 18.

HARRY N. STARBRANCH, Secretary

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-ONE

AN ACT Providing Educational Assistance for Certain Widows, Wives and Children of Veterans and Wives and Children of Prisoners of War.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

Sec. 1. R. S., T. 20, § 3211, amended. Section 3211 of Title 20 of the Revised Statutes, as amended, is further amended by adding at the end the following new paragraphs:

For the further purpose of administering this chapter, a widow of a veteran shall be defined as a person whose husband met the residency and service requirements of this section, and the widow of any person who was killed in action or who dies from a service-connected disability as determined by the Veterans Administration, or the wife of any veteran who has a total disability, permanent in nature, resulting from a service-connected disability as determined by the Veterans Administration, or the widow of a veteran who died while a disability so evaluated was in existence.

This chapter shall apply to the wives and children of those members of the Armed Forces on active duty who have been listed for more than 90 days as missing in action, captured or forcibly detained or interned in the line of duty by a foreign government or power.

Sec. 2. R. S., T. 20, § 3212, amended. The first sentence of section 3212 of Title 20 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

In order to assist any person qualifying as an orphan or as a widow, wife or child of a veteran or member of the Armed Forces in accordance with section 3211 in securing higher education, the department shall pay, for any person which it finds eligible for such assistance, a maximum of ~~\$150~~ \$300 per year,

for a period of time not exceeding 8 semesters of attendance nor exceeding 6 consecutive academic years from the date of first entrance, towards the cost of such higher education.

Sec. 3. R. S., T. 20, § 3213, amended. Section 3213 of Title 20 of the Revised Statutes, as last amended by section 33 of chapter 504 of the public laws of 1969, is further amended to read as follows:

§ 3213. Free tuition

All children qualifying as war orphans and widows qualifying under this chapter, and the wives and children of those members of the Armed Forces described in the 3rd paragraph of section 3211, shall be admitted to state supported post-secondary vocational schools or institutions of collegiate grade free of tuition.

Sec. 4. Appropriation. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of Education the sum of \$15,000 to carry out the purposes of this Act. The breakdown shall be as follows:

	1971-72	1972-73
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION		
Education of Orphans of Veterans		
All Other	\$6,000	\$9,000