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An Act To Provide Educational Opportunities for Dependents of Maine Military Personnel

Reference to the Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs suggested and ordered printed.

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Clerk

Presented by Representative TARDY of Newport.
Cosponsored by Representatives: BROWNE of Vassalboro, RICHARDSON of Carmel,
RICHARDSON of Greenville, TIBBETTS of Columbia, WALKER of Lincolnville,
WHEELER of Kittery.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 37-B MRSA §505, sub-§2, ¶F,** as enacted by PL 2001, c. 662, §66, is
3 amended to read:

4 F. A child of a veteran who is attending state-supported postsecondary vocational
5 schools or institutions of collegiate grade must be admitted free of tuition including
6 mandatory fees and lab fees for associate's and bachelor's programs and, for full-time
7 students, room and board. The tuition and room and board waiver provided under
8 this paragraph may be reduced by an amount necessary to ensure that the value of this
9 waiver, combined with all other grants and benefits received by the student, does not
10 exceed the total cost of education. ~~Room and board may not be waived.~~ A child of a
11 veteran has 6 academic years from the date of first entrance to complete 8 semesters.
12 The director may waive the limit of 6 consecutive academic years when the
13 recipient's education has been interrupted by severe medical disability or illness
14 making continued attendance impossible. For purposes of this paragraph, a student is
15 considered fulltime if that student meets the class enrollment requirements for full-
16 time students at the school or institution in which the student is enrolled.

17 **SUMMARY**

18 Current law provides a tuition waiver to a state-supported postsecondary school to a
19 child of a veteran; room and board is not included.

20 This bill includes room and board in the waiver for a child of a veteran when that
21 child is a full-time student.