Bill as Introduced

HB 132 – AS INTRODUCED

2003 SESSION

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HOUSE BILL ***132***

AN ACT relative to state scholarships for orphans of veterans.

SPONSORS: Rep. Coughlin, Hills 45; Rep. D. Fields, Hills 58

COMMITTEE: State-Federal Relations and Veterans Affairs

ANALYSIS

This bill establishes dates for the Southeast Asian conflict (Vietnam War) and makes the Persian Gulf an eligible conflict for purposes of the award by the postsecondary education commission of college scholarships to orphans of veterans.

Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics.***
Matter removed from current law appears [~~in brackets and struckthrough.~~]
Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Three

AN ACT relative to state scholarships for orphans of veterans.

Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

1 Scholarships for Orphans of Veterans; Purpose of Appropriations. Amend RSA 193:19 to read as follows:

193:19 Purpose of Appropriations. The sums appropriated under the provisions of this subdivision shall be used for the sole purpose of contributing to the payment of board, room rent, books and supplies, at college grade institutions, of children between the ages of 16 and 25 years, who are legal residents of the state at the time of application, whose fathers or mothers served in the armed services of the United States from April 6, 1917, to July 2, 1921; or from December 7, 1941, to December 31, 1946; or from June 25, 1950, to July 27, 1953; or from [~~the initiation of American involvement in the Southeast Asian conflict to the final date of American withdrawal from that area~~] ***February 28, 1961 to May 5, 1975; or from the initiation of American involvement in the Gulf War to the final date of that conflict as determined by the United States Congress***, having since died from service connected disability so rated by the federal government and having been at time of death legal residents of the state.

2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

Amendments

Rep. P. Sullivan, Hills 50
January 27, 2003
2003-0058h
09/01

Amendment to HB 132

Amend RSA 193:19 as inserted by section 1 of the bill replacing it with the following:

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2003-0058h

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill corrects dates for the Korean conflict, establishes dates for the Southeast Asian conflict (Vietnam War), and makes the Persian Gulf conflict and certain service in other military operations eligible for purposes of the award by the postsecondary education commission of college scholarships to orphans of veterans.

Speakers

SIGN UP SHEET

To Register Opinion If Not Speaking

Bill # HB 132 Date _____

Committee _____

**** Please Print All Information ****

Name	Address	Phone	Representing	(check one) Pro	Con
REP. Richard A. McCann				X	

Hearing Minutes

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON STATE-FEDERAL RELATIONS AND VETERANS AFFAIRS

PUBLIC HEARING ON HB132

BILL TITLE: relative to state scholarships for orphans of veterans.

DATE: January 14, 2003

LOB ROOM: 306 **Time Public Hearing Called to Order:** 11:10am

Time Adjourned: 11:35am

(please circle if present)

Committee Members: Reps. Coughlin, Guay, D. Fields, Priestley, Albert, Balcom, Lessard, Marple, Easson, Hawkins, Headd, Kenney, Kerns, McCann, McElroy, McDonough-Wallace, Heon, Batchelder, Shaw, P. Sullivan and Sweeney.

Bill Sponsors: Rep. Coughlin, Rep. Fields

TESTIMONY

* Use asterisk if written testimony and/or amendments are submitted.

Rep. Fields, co-sponsor, introduced the bill to the committee.

* **Judith Knapp**, Student Financial Assistance Coordinator, Post-Secondary Education Commission supports the bill and provided written testimony.

Rep. McCann spoke about dates for Vietnam Conflict and Gulf War.

Rep. Hawkins spoke about the entire appropriation of $9000 serving 10 students, this year there are 8 students but will be adding 3 additional students. How much additional money would be needed for the additional students. **Rep Batchelder** stated that the Department of Veterans Affars certifies eligibility.

Rep. Kenney stated that the those who served after 1990 served under the Gulf War.

Rep. Guay stated that the US Congress determines the designations.

Rep Easson stqated that the current students that are receiving financial aid are those of parents who died with disability during conflict.

Dennis Viola, Director, State Veterans Council, spoke in support of this bill.

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis H. Fields, Clerk

Testimony

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION COMMISSION

Closed College Transcripts | Degree-Granting Approvals | Financial Aid | Research/Studies | Veterans State Approvals | Vocational School Licensing

Testimony on HB132
January 14, 2003
by
Judith A. Knapp, Student Financial Assistance Coordinator

This bill would establish the dates for the Southeast Asian conflict, AKA, the Vietnam War, and make the Persian Gulf War an eligible conflict for purposes of awarding aid to orphans of veterans. At the present time the Congress has not set an ending date for the Gulf War and, as a result, anyone who has served since 1990 is covered under this designation. Aid has only been provided for service during a period of a designated conflict as versus a military action or intervention. For example, service during the Lebanon intervention in 1958 or in Beirut or Grenada in 1983 are not covered since they are not federally designated conflicts. In the past the federal government also differentiated between times of conflict and non-conflict.

This bill was intended to provide educational aid for those students whose parents had been put in harms' way during times of conflict and, as a result of that service to their nation, had received injuries that ultimately led to their death. It was never intended to provide assistance for survivors of members of the armed services who served during times of peace but nevertheless received a service-related disability. With the current level of funding, providing awards to any student whose parent died as the result of a service-related disability, regardless of the period of service, would diminish the size of the award to a point where it no longer provided meaningful assistance.

Students who are eligible under this program, also are eligible, under RSA 193:20, to receive a tuition waiver at any of the University System of New Hampshire or Community Technical College System institutions.

In addition to benefits received under this program, dependents are also eligible to receive assistance under the Dependent's Educational Assistance Program, chapter 35 of Title 38, U.S. Code. For the purpose of federal benefits, there are different rates of compensation depending on whether the death/disability was the result of service in a designated conflict, or as a result of peace-time service.

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TDD Access: Relay NH 1-800-735-2964

Voting Sheets

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON STATE-FEDERAL RELATIONS AND VETERANS AFFAIRS

EXECUTIVE SESSION on HB 132

BILL TITLE: **relative to state scholarships for orphans of veterans.**

DATE: January 30, 2003

LOB ROOM: 306

Amendments:

Sponsor: Rep. P. Sullivan — OLS Document #: 2003 0058h

Sponsor: Rep. — OLS Document #:

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Motions: OTP, OTP/A, ITL, Interim Study (Please circle one.)

Moved by Rep. P. Sullivan

Seconded by Rep. Headd

Vote: 13-0 (Please attach record of roll call vote.)

Motions: OTP, OTP/A, ITL, Interim Study (Please circle one.)

Moved by Rep.

Seconded by Rep.

Vote: (Please attach record of roll call vote.)

CONSENT CALENDAR VOTE: 13-0

(Vote to place on Consent Calendar must be unanimous.)

Statement of Intent: Refer to Committee Report

Respectfully submitted,

Rep. Dennis H. Fields, Clerk

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON STATE-FEDERAL RELATIONS AND VETERANS AFFAIRS

EXECUTIVE SESSION on ~~1/30/03~~ 2/6/03 **HB 132**

BILL TITLE: Relative to state scholarships for orphans of veterans

DATE: 1/30/03

LOB ROOM: 306

Amendments:

Sponsor: Rep. Sullivan OLS Document #: 0058h (Adopted)/Failed

Sponsor: Rep. Weed OLS Document #: _____ Adopted/Failed

Sponsor: Rep. _____ OLS Document #: _____ Adopted/Failed

Motions: OTP, (OTP/A), ITL, Interim Study (Please circle one.)

Moved by Rep. Sullivan

Seconded by Rep. Weed

Vote: 13 (Yeas) 0 (Nays) (Please attach record of roll call vote.)

Motions: OTP, OTP/A, ITL, Interim Study (Please circle one.)

Moved by Rep. _____

Seconded by Rep. _____

Vote: _____ (Please attach record of roll call vote.)

CONSENT CALENDAR VOTE: 13-0

(Vote to place on Consent Calendar must be unanimous.)

Statement of Intent: Refer to Committee Report

Respectfully submitted,

Rep. Donna M Finch, Clerk

OFFICE OF THE HOUSE CLERK 2003 SESSION

STATE-FEDERAL RELATIONS AND VETERANS AFFAIRS

Bill #: HB132 Title: Relative to State Scholarships for Orphans of Veterans

PH Date: 1/24/03 Exec Session Date: 1/30/03

Motion: OTP = A Amendment #: 2003'-00581.

MEMBER	YEAS	NAYS
Coughlin, Pamela D, Chairman	/	
Guay, Lawrence J, V Chairman	ABSENT	
Fields, Dennis H	/	
Priestley, Anne K	ABSENT	
Albert, Russell A	/	
Balcom, John L	ABSENT	
Lessard, Rudy	/	
Marple, Richard	ABSENT	
Easson, Timothy E	/	
Hawkins, Ken	/	
Headd, James F	/	
Kenney, Bettie D	ABSENT	
Kerns, J Edward	ABSENT	
McCann, Richard A	/	
McElroy, Henry W	/	
Heon, Richard F	ABSENT	
McDonough-Wallace, Alice T	ABSENT	
Shaw, Barbara E	/	
Sweeney, Cynthia P	/	
Sullivan, Peter M	/	
Batchelder, Robert C	/	
	13	0

TOTAL VOTE:
Printed: 1/6/2003

OFFICE OF THE HOUSE CLERK 2003 SESSION

STATE-FEDERAL RELATIONS AND VETERANS AFFAIRS

Bill #: HB 132 **Title:** Relative to State Scholarships for orphans of veterans

PH Date: 1/14/03 Amendment vote **Exec Session Date:** 1/30/03

Motion: OTP **Amendment #:** 2003-0058h

MEMBER	YEAS	NAYS
Coughlin, Pamela D. Chairman	/	
Guay, Lawrence J. V Chairman	ABSENT	
Fields, Dennis H	/	
Priestley, Anne K	ABSENT	
Albert, Russell A	/	
Balcom, John L	ABSENT	
Lessard, Rudy	/	
Marple, Richard	ABSENT	
Easson, Timothy E	/	
Hawkins, Ken	/	
Headd, James F	/	
Kenney, Bettie D	ABSENT	
Kerns, J Edward	ABSENT	
McCann, Richard A	/	
McElroy, Henry W	/	
Heon, Richard F	ABSENT	
McDonough-Wallace, Alice T	ABSENT	
Shaw, Barbara E	/	
Sweeney, Cynthia P	/	
Sullivan, Peter M	/	
Batchelder, Robert C	/	
	13	0

TOTAL VOTE:

Printed: 1/6/2003

Committee Report

COMMITTEE REPORT

COMMITTEE: **State-Federal Relations and Veterans Affairs**

BILL NUMBER: **HB 132**

TITLE: relative to state scholarships for orphans of veterans.

DATE: January 30, 2003 CONSENT CALENDAR YES ☒ NO ☐

☐ OUGHT TO PASS

☒ OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT

☐ INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE

☐ REFER TO COMMITTEE FOR INTERIM STUDY
(Available only in second year of biennium.)

STATEMENT OF INTENT
(Include Committee Vote)

This bill expands eligibility for the veteran's orphan scholarship program to include veterans of the Persian Gulf War and other conflicts such as the invasion of Panama and Grenada. In addition, the bill makes technical changes to eligibility dates, bringing state law into agreement with federal law.

Vote 13-0.

Rep. Peter M. Sullivan
FOR THE COMMITTEE

Original: House Clerk
cc: Committee Bill file

USE ANOTHER REPORT FOR MINORITY REPORT

CONSENT CALENDAR

State-Federal Relations and Veterans Affairs

HB 132, relative to state scholarships for orphans of veterans. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT**

Rep. Peter M. Sullivan for State-Federal Relations and Veterans Affairs: This bill expands eligibility for the veteran's orphan scholarship program to include veterans of the Persian Gulf War and other conflicts such as the invasion of Panama and Grenada. In addition, the bill makes technical changes to eligibility dates, bringing state law into agreement with federal law **Vote 13-0.**

COMMITTEE REPORT

COMMITTEE: State-Federal Relations and Veteran's Affairs

BILL NUMBER: HB 132

TITLE: An Act relative to State scholarships for orphans of veterans.

DATE: 30 January 03 CONSENT CALENDAR: YES ☑ NO ☐

- ☐ OUGHT TO PASS
- ☑ OUGHT TO PASS W/ AMENDMENT
- ☐ INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE
- ☐ RE-REFER
- ☐ INTERIM STUDY (Available only 2nd year of biennium)

Amendment No. 2003-0058h

STATEMENT OF INTENT:

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COMMITTEE VOTE: 13-0

- Copy to Committee Bill File
- Use Another Report for Minority Report

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

Rep. Peter M. Sullivan
For the Committee

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