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SPONSOR(S): Littell and O'Connor

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SENATE, No. 798
STATE OF NEW JERSEY

INTRODUCED MARCH 10, 1994

By Senators LITTELL and O' Connor

1 **AN ACT** expanding eligibility for certain veterans education
2 benefits and amending P.L.1975, c.331.

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4 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the
5 *State of New Jersey*:

6 1. Section 1 of P.L.1975, c.331 (C.18A:71-61) is amended to
7 read as follows:

8 1. As used herein:

9 "Prisoner of war" and "person missing in action" means any
10 person who was a resident of this State at the time he or she
11 entered service of the United States Armed Forces, or whose
12 official residence is within this State, and who, while serving in
13 said United States Armed Forces, has been declared to be a
14 prisoner of war, or to be a person missing in action as established
15 by the Secretary of Defense after January 1, 1960.

16 "Dependent" means any child born before [or], during or after
17 the period of time its parent was a prisoner of war or a person
18 missing in action, or any child legally adopted or in the legal
19 custody of the parent prior to [and], during or after the time the
20 parent was a prisoner of war or a person missing in action.

21 (cf: P.L.1975, c.331, s.1)

22 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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27 This bill expands the definition of a dependent of a prisoner of
28 war or a person missing in action eligible to receive a bachelor's
29 degree free of tuition at any institution of higher learning on this
30 State.

31 Under the bill, the dependent of a person who was a prisoner of
32 war or a person missing in action would include a child born or
33 adopted after his or her parent was a prisoner of war or a person
34 missing in action.

35 Under current law, a dependent eligible for free tuition
36 includes only a child born or adopted before or during the time
37 the parent was a prisoner of war or a person missing in action.

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41 Expands definition of dependent of POW or MIA eligible to
42 receive a bachelor's degree tuition-free at any institution in
43 State.

EXPLANATION--Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the
above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

ASSEMBLY VETERANS, MILITARY AFFAIRS
AND GAMING COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 798

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: NOVEMBER 21, 1994

The Assembly Veterans, Military Affairs and Gaming Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 798.

This bill expands the definition of a dependent of a prisoner of war or a person missing in action eligible to receive a bachelor's degree free of tuition at any institution of higher learning in this State. Under the bill, the definition includes a child born or adopted after his or her parent was a prisoner of war or a person missing in action. Under current law, only a child born or adopted before or during the time the parent was a prisoner of war or a person missing in action is eligible for free tuition.

SENATE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 798

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: MAY 16, 1994

The Senate Education Committee favorably reports Senate Bill No. 798.

This bill expands the definition of a dependent of a prisoner of war or a person missing in action, who is eligible to receive a bachelor's degree free of tuition at any institution of higher learning in the State, to include a child born or adopted after his or her parent was a prisoner of war or a person missing in action.

Under current law, a dependent eligible for free tuition includes only a child born or adopted before or during the time the parent was a prisoner of war or a person missing in action.

SENATE BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 798

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: SEPTEMBER 12, 1994

The Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 798.

Senate Bill No. 798 expands the definition of a dependent of a prisoner of war, or a person missing in action, to include a child born or adopted after his or her parent was a prisoner of war, or a person missing in action, for the purpose of making that dependent eligible for a tuition-free college education at any institution of higher learning in the State.

Under current law, a dependent eligible for a tuition-free college education includes only a child born or adopted before or during the time the parent was a prisoner of war or a person missing in action.

As reported, this bill is identical to Assembly Bill No. 2055 of 1994.

FISCAL IMPACT

This bill may result in future additional costs to institutions of higher education; however, the number of persons who would be eligible under this bill and the institutions which would incur the additional cost cannot be determined at this time.