

18A:71-76.1 et al

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY CHECKLIST

NJSA: 18A:71-76.1 et al (Vietnam Veterans-scholarships-appropriate \$1 million)

LAWS OF: 1985 **CHAPTER:** 114

Bill No: A320

Sponsor(s): Purun and others

Date Introduced: Pre-filed

Committee: **Assembly:** Revenue, Finance and Appropriations; Higher Education and Regulated Professions

Senate: Education; Revenue, Finance and Appropriations

Amended during passage: Yes Amendments during passage denoted by asterisks.

Date of Passage: **Assembly:** Jul. 30, 1984

Senate: Mar. 7, 1985

Date of Approval: April 9, 1985

Following statements are attached if available:

Sponsor statement: Yes

Committee statement: **Assembly** Yes 2-27-84 & 6-28-84

Senate Yes 9-20-84 & 2-14-85

Fiscal Note: No

Veto Message: No

Message on Signing: Yes

Following were printed:

Reports: No

Hearings: No

Veto to A3041 (1982-83)--attached.

See attached newspaper clippings:

"Scholarship programs created for veterans", 4-9-85, Trenton Times.

"For the Viet veterans", 4-11-85, Trenton Times.

4-9-85

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ASSEMBLY, No. 320

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

PRE-FILED FOR INTRODUCTION IN THE 1984 SESSION

By Assemblywoman PERUN, Assemblymen DORIA, PATERO,
CHARLES, PATERNITI, BUCCHINI, ROCCO, MAZUR, BAER,
WATSON, Assemblywoman KALIK, Assemblymen BROWN and
GORMAN

AN ACT providing scholarships for certain veterans of the Vietnam
conflict, supplementing Title 18A of the New Jersey Statutes,
and making an appropriation.

1 BE IT ENACTED *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*
2 *of New Jersey:*

1 1. As used in this act:

2 "Vietnam veteran" means a resident of this State who:

3 a. Served in the Armed Forces of the United States in South-
4 east Asia in the Vietnam conflict and received a Vietnam Service
5 Ribbon;

6 b. Was honorably discharged or generally discharged under
7 honorable conditions; and

8 c. Has been domiciled in New Jersey at the time of the effective
9 date of this act for a period of not less than two consecutive years,
10 exclusive of any time spent on active duty.

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2 of study for an initial undergraduate degree in a public insti-
3 tution of higher education of this State as enumerated in N. J. S.
4 18A:62-1, shall be entitled to tuition assistance pursuant to this
5 act, while enrolled as a student in good standing at that college,
6 in an amount up to the full tuition cost as determined by the
7 Student Assistance Board pursuant to section 6 of this act.

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 printed in italics *thus* is new matter.

Matter enclosed in asterisks or stars has been adopted as follows:

*—Senate committee amendment adopted February 14, 1985.

1 3. A Vietnam veteran upon being accepted to pursue a course
2 of study for an initial undergraduate degree at an independent
3 college or university located in the State shall be entitled to tuition
4 assistance pursuant to this act, while enrolled as a student in good
5 standing at that college or university, in an amount as determined
6 by the Student Assistance Board pursuant to section 6 of this act,
7 but in an amount not more than the tuition charged at Rutgers,
8 The State University.

1 4. No tuition award shall be granted pursuant to this act, unless
2 the Vietnam veteran has applied for all other available State or
3 federal student financial aid.

1 5. Eligibility for this program shall be limited to a period of
2 five years from the effective date of this act. A Vietnam veteran
3 shall be eligible for a tuition award for four academic years, unless
4 he is enrolled in an undergraduate program regularly requiring
5 five academic years for completion, in which case he shall be en-
6 titled to a tuition award for a fifth year.

1 6. The Student Assistance Board, shall, pursuant to the "Ad-
2 ministrative Procedure Act," P. L. 1968, c. 410 (C. 52:14B-1 et
3 seq.), adopt the rules and regulations necessary to effectuate the
4 purposes of this act.

1 7. There is appropriated to the Department of Higher Educa-
2 tion from the General Fund the sum of \$1,000,000.00 for purposes
3 of tuition assistance pursuant to this act.

1 8. This act shall take effect ***[July 1, 1983]*** **immediately and*
2 *shall be applicable to tuition awards granted in the 1985-86 academic*
3 *year and thereafter**.

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STATEMENT

This bill provides for tuition aid for Vietnam veterans at public and private institutions of higher education, limited to an amount not to exceed the tuition charged at Rutgers, The State University. No tuition award may be granted unless the veteran has applied for all other available State or federal student financial aid. Eligibility for the tuition award is limited to five years from the effective date of the act.

To qualify for a tuition award, the veteran:

1. Must have served in Southeast Asia in the Vietnam conflict and have received a Vietnam Service Ribbon;
2. Must have been domiciled in New Jersey at the time of the effective date of the act for a period of not less than two consecutive years, exclusive of any time spent on active duty;
3. Must have been honorably discharged; and
4. Must be pursuing an initial academic degree.

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ASSEMBLY HIGHER EDUCATION AND REGULATED
PROFESSIONS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 320

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: FEBRUARY 27, 1984

This bill provides tuition assistance for Vietnam veterans who are studying for an initial academic degree in a public or private institution of higher education in this State. Tuition assistance will be available for a period of five years from the effective date of the act but will not be granted unless the veteran has applied for all other available State or federal student financial aid.

To be eligible for tuition assistance, a veteran must be a resident of the State who:

- a. Served in Southeast Asia in the Vietnam conflict and received a Vietnam Service Ribbon;
- b. Was discharged under honorable conditions;
- c. Has been domiciled in New Jersey at the time of the effective date of the act for not less than two consecutive years, exclusive of any time spent on active duty.

The bill appropriates \$1,000,000.00 to the Department of Higher Education for tuition assistance.

Assembly Bill No. 320 was introduced into the 1982-83 Legislature as Assembly Bill No. 3041. That bill was released by this committee on March 3, 1983 and passed the General Assembly on September 15, 1983. The bill then passed the Senate on January 9, 1984 but was vetoed by Governor Kean. In his veto message, the Governor expressed his concern over the potentially adverse fiscal impact of Assembly Bill No. 3041. He felt that limited time did not allow him to make an informed decision on the precise fiscal impact of the bill.

ASSEMBLY REVENUE, FINANCE AND APPROPRIATIONS
COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO
ASSEMBLY, No. 320

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JUNE 28, 1984

Assembly Bill No. 320 provides tuition aid for Vietnam veterans attending a private or public institution of higher education in this State. The amount may not exceed the tuition charged at Rutgers. The assistance will be available for five years. The veteran must have applied for all other types of financial aid, i.e. State or federal tuition aid. To qualify the veteran must have served in Southeast Asia in the Vietnam conflict and received the Vietnam Service Ribbon. The veteran must have been discharged under honorable conditions. The veteran must have been domiciled in New Jersey for at least two consecutive years at the time of the effective date of this bill. The veteran must be pursuing an initial academic degree. There is \$1,000,000.00 appropriated to the Department of Higher Education for the purposes of this bill.

SENATE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 320

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: SEPTEMBER 20, 1984

This bill provides tuition assistance for Vietnam veterans who are studying for an initial academic degree in a public or private institution of higher education in this State. Tuition assistance will be available for a period of five years from the effective date of the act but will not be granted unless the veteran has applied for all other available State or federal student financial aid.

To be eligible for tuition assistance, a veteran must be a resident of the State who:

- a. Served in Southeast Asia in the Vietnam conflict and received a Vietnam Service Ribbon;
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SENATE REVENUE, FINANCE AND APPROPRIATIONS
COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO
ASSEMBLY, No. 320

with committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: FEBRUARY 14, 1985

This bill establishes an undergraduate tuition assistance program for Vietnam veterans at New Jersey institutions of higher education. An eligible Vietnam veteran is a State resident who:

1. Served in Southeast Asia during the Vietnam conflict and received a Vietnam Service Ribbon;
2. Received an honorable discharge or a general discharge under honorable conditions; and
3. Has resided in New Jersey for at least two consecutive years on the effective date of this act, exclusive of any time spent on active duty.

For eligible recipients attending public colleges, the maximum amount of assistance in any year is not to exceed the actual cost of tuition. For students at private institutions, the maximum shall not exceed the tuition charged at Rutgers University. Assistance is available for five years from the effective date of enactment; however, no award will be granted unless the veteran has applied for all other available State or federal student financial aid.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The bill appropriates \$1,000,000.00 to the Department of Higher Education for tuition assistance awards.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS:

Committee amendments made the bill effective immediately and first applicable in the 1985-86 academic year.



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

NEWS RELEASE

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Release: TUESDAY, APRIL 9, 1974

Governor Thomas H. Kean has signed legislation creating a scholarship program for combat veterans of the Vietnam War and extending veteran's annuity benefits to the surviving spouses of veterans who suffered from certain disabilities.

The scholarship program is created by A-320, sponsored by Assemblywoman Angela L. Perun, R-Union. It appropriates \$1 million for tuition aid at public and private institutions of higher learning located in New Jersey.

"There are few who are as deserving of our assistance in obtaining a college education as those men and women who served in the Vietnam War," Kean said. "This bill provides that assistance to New Jersey residents who fought for our country in Vietnam and who want to attend a college or university in New Jersey."

The bill provides tuition aid grants to veterans who served in Southeast Asia and received the Vietnam Service Ribbon. An applicant must have lived in the State for at least two years as of July 1 of this year and must have applied for all other available State or Federal student financial aid.

Although the grants are intended for use at any institution of higher learning, the bill requires that an individual grant not exceed the tuition charged at Rutgers, The State University. (Current tuition at Rutgers is \$1,520 for most curricula and \$1,602 for the engineering and pharmacy programs.)

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A-499, sponsored by Assemblyman John P. Doyle, D-Ocean, extends the \$750 veterans annuity honorarium to the widow or widower of a veteran who suffered from certain disabilities, including blindness, certain forms of paralysis or other loss of the use of limbs, certain amputations, or the loss of the use of feet or legs due to multiple sclerosis contracted during military duty.

The honorarium would continue to be paid in the event of remarriage or shift of residence to another state, with the only restriction being that acceptance of another state's similar benefit program would require relinquishing the New Jersey payment.

The Governor also signed the following bills:

S-720/A-1416, sponsored by State Senator H. James Saxton, R-Burlington and Assemblyman William P. Schuber, R-Bergen, which increases the advertised bidding threshold for State contracts from \$2,500 to \$7,500.

S-1305, sponsored by State Senator Raymond J. Zane, D-Gloucester, which revises existing requirements and licensing fees for the netting of fish and sets non-resident fees at a level ten times that for residents, providing that the non-resident's home state charges higher licensing fees to New Jersey residents.

S-1614, also sponsored by Senator Zane, which revises the law governing inspections of steam or hot water boilers to permit inspections at intervals of more than 12 months at the discretion of the Commissioner of Labor when the equipment is part of a continuous processing operation. The bill would then permit inspections when the equipment was shut down for periodic maintenance.