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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1879

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## For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO ALLOW DEPENDENTS OF CERTAIN VETERANS TO RECEIVE TUITION WAIVERS TO PRIVATE, NONPROFIT INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION IN THIS STATE; TO CAP THE AMOUNT OF THE TUITION WAIVER FOR DEPENDENTS OF CERTAIN VETERANS ATTENDING PRIVATE, NONPROFIT INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION IN THIS STATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

## Subtitle

TO ALLOW DEPENDENTS OF CERTAIN VETERANS TO RECEIVE TUITION WAIVERS TO PRIVATE, NONPROFIT INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION IN THIS STATE; AND TO CAP THE AMOUNT OF THE TUITION WAIVER FOR DEPENDENTS OF CERTAIN VETERANS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-82-601(d), concerning tuition waivers for dependents of certain veterans, is amended to read as follows:

(d)(1) Except as provided under subdivision (d)(2) of this section, a dependent of a disabled veteran, a prisoner of war, or a person declared to be missing in action or killed in action, or a person killed on ordnance delivery as defined by the provisions of this section, upon his or her being accepted for enrollment into any private, nonprofit institution of higher education in the State of Arkansas or state-supported institution of higher



education in the State of Arkansas, ~~shall be allowed to~~ may obtain a bachelor's degree for so long as he or she is eligible with state assistance for tuition, fees, or other charges as provided under this subsection ~~(d)~~.

(2)(A) The state assistance under this section is limited to the tuition, fees, or other charges that exceed the amount of monetary benefits that the dependent is eligible to receive from the Survivors' and Dependents' Educational Assistance program during the months included in each semester in which the dependent is enrolled.

(B) If the dependent is not eligible for monetary benefits from the Survivors' and Dependents' Educational Assistance program but is eligible for the benefits under this section, the dependent ~~shall be allowed to~~ may obtain a bachelor's degree free of tuition, fees, or other charges from ~~the~~ a private, nonprofit institution of higher education in this state or a state-supported institution of higher education.

(C) However, the state assistance awarded to a dependent attending a private, nonprofit institution of higher education in this state shall not exceed the maximum amount of state assistance awarded to dependents attending state-supported institutions of higher education.

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