

2024 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 766

BY REPRESENTATIVE KNOX

VETERANS: Provides relative to educational benefits for beneficiaries of qualified veterans

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 29:289, relative to educational benefits for beneficiaries of
3 qualified veterans; to provide relative to educational benefits for children and
4 spouses of qualified veterans; to provide relative to limitations on educational
5 benefits; and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 29:289 is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

8 §289. Limitations on educational benefits

9 The department of veterans affairs may expend from any funds available for
10 that purpose whatever sums are necessary for the subsistence, maintenance, or other
11 necessary expenses of beneficiaries under R.S. 29:288 during the period of their
12 college or university training. The expenditures shall not exceed ~~five hundred~~ one
13 thousand dollars per year for each beneficiary nor shall they be available to him for
14 any period of more than four years to be completed in not more than five years.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Provides relative to educational benefits for beneficiaries of qualified veterans.

Present law (R.S. 29:288) provides for spouses and children of certain veterans who were killed in action, died during active service, died as a result of a service-connected disability, who are missing in action, or who are prisoners of war to receive a tuition and fee waiver at public postsecondary institutions.

Present law provides that expenditures, during a period of college or university training, shall not exceed \$500 per year for each beneficiary nor shall the expenditures be available to the beneficiary for any period of more than four years to be completed in not more than five years.

Proposed law retains present law but increases expenditures, during a period of college or university training, from \$500 to \$1,000 per year.

(Amends R.S. 29:289)