

2023 HOUSE EDUCATION

HB 1196

2023 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Education Committee
Coteau AB Room, State Capitol

HB 1196
1/16/2023

Relating to free tuition for dependents of disabled veterans or veterans killed in action

2:59 PM

Chairman Heinert opened the hearing. Members present: Chairman Heinert, Vice Chairman Schreiber-Beck, Representatives Conmy, Dyk, Heilman, Hoverson, Jonas, Longmuir, Marschall, Murphy, Novak, and Timmons. Absent: Reps. Hager and Hauck.

Discussion Topics:

- Bachelor's Degree Requirements
- Eligibility of children for college courses
- Committee Work

Representative Brandy Pyle Bill Sponsor #13297

Lonnie Wangen Commissioner ND Department of Veteran Affairs in Support #13249

Rep. Longmuir moved a **Do Pass**.

Rep. Marschall seconded. **Roll call vote:**

Representatives	Vote
Representative Pat D. Heinert	Y
Representative Cynthia Schreiber-Beck	Y
Representative Liz Conmy	Y
Representative Scott Dyk	Y
Representative LaurieBeth Hager	AB
Representative Dori Hauck	AB
Representative Matt Heilman	Y
Representative Jeff A. Hoverson	Y
Representative Jim Jonas	Y
Representative Donald W. Longmuir	Y
Representative Andrew Marschall	Y
Representative Eric James Murphy	Y
Representative Anna S. Novak	Y
Representative Kelby Timmons	Y

Motion Carried 12-0-2. **Representative Marschall** Carrier

Closed hearing 3:04 PM.

Kathleen Davis, Committee Clerk By Bev Monroe

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

HB 1196: Education Committee (Rep. Heinert, Chairman) recommends **DO PASS** (12 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 2 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). HB 1196 was placed on the Eleventh order on the calendar.

2023 SENATE AGRICULTURE AND VETERANS AFFAIRS

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2023 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Agriculture and Veterans Affairs Committee Fort Union Room, State Capitol

HB 1196
3/2/2023

A bill relating to free tuition for dependents of disabled veterans or veterans killed in action.

12:58 PM Chairman Luick called the meeting to order. Senators Hogan, Luick, Myrdal, Lemm, Weston, Weber present.

Discussion Topics:

- Education timeframe
- Working families
- Tuition assistance

12:59 PM Representative Brandy Pyle, District 22, introduced HB 1196 and testified in favor of HB 1196 #21583.

1:02 PM Lonnie Wangen, Commissioner, North Dakota Department of Veterans Affairs, testified in support of HB 1196 #21314.

1:06 PM Senator Myrdal, moved DO PASS HB 1196.

1:06 PM Senator Weston, seconded DO PASS HB 1196.

1:07 PM Roll Call Vote – DO PASS HB 1196.

Senators	Vote
Senator Larry Luick	Y
Senator Janne Myrdal	Y
Senator Kathy Hogan	Y
Senator Randy D. Lemm	Y
Senator Mark F. Weber	Y
Senator Kent Weston	Y

Motion Passed 6-0-0. DO PASS HB 1196.

1:07 PM Senator Myrdal will carry.

1:08 PM Chairman Luick closed the hearing on HB 1196.

Dave Owen, Committee Clerk

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

HB 1196: Agriculture and Veterans Affairs Committee (Sen. Luick, Chairman) recommends **DO PASS** (6 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). HB 1196 was placed on the Fourteenth order on the calendar. This bill does not affect workforce development.

TESTIMONY

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North Dakota Department of Veterans Affairs
Lonnie Wangen Commissioner

1/16/2023

**House Education Committee
68th Legislative Session
Representative Pat Heinert-Chair**

Chairman Heinert and House Education Committee,

Please accept this testimony in support of HB 1196.

Intent of legislative bill:

Ensure eligible dependents are allowed to obtain an undergraduate degree when attending part-time.

Need for Bill...

- Current law requires students to achieve up to bachelor's degree in 45 months or 10 Semesters in ND State Institutes of Higher Learning (IHL)
- IHL charge the student a full month or semester regardless of number of classes or credit hours taken
- Surviving Spouses are likely to have children and need to be employed
 - Unable to attend as a full-time student
 - Difficult to achieve an associate degree with the current law
- Eligible children have opportunity to take college courses while still in high school.
 - Taking 1 course in a semester of high school would result in loss of a semester
- IHL in ND have differing courses and credit hours so adjusting the law to "Pro-Rate" full or part time student level would be cumbersome
- *No fiscal note expected*

Thank you for your consideration.

Lonnie Wangen Commissioner-NDDVA

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- Institutes of Higher Learning Certifying Officials (State and Independent)

Free tuition for dependents of disabled veterans or veterans killed in action

Rep. Brandy Pyle

House Education Committee

January 16, 2023

3:00 p.m.

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This bill proposes changes to chapter 15-10-18.3 to eliminate the short time frame requirement for dependents of our disabled veterans, killed in action service members and missing in action service members, have to attend a ND higher education institution in pursuit of a bachelor's degree or certificate of completion.

The 45 month or 10 semester period, that we are hoping to eliminate, is restrictive for dependents who work, raise a family, and attend college full time. It's a large load to carry alone. By removing the timeframe, this allows the bachelor's degree or certificate of completion to be done at a pace that is reasonable.

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Thank you for your time, and consideration of HB 1196 and I will stand for any questions.

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North Dakota Department of Veterans Affairs
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3/02/2023

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68th Legislative Session
Senator Luick-Chair

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COMMITTEES:
Appropriations

March 2, 2023

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