

HOUSE BILL NO. 1196

Introduced by

Representatives Pyle, Heilman, Karls, Rohr, Schreiber-Beck

Senators Lemm, Rust

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 15-10-18.3 of the North Dakota Century Code,
2 relating to free tuition for dependents of disabled veterans or veterans killed in action.

3 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:**

4 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 15-10-18.3 of the North Dakota Century Code is
5 amended and reenacted as follows:

6 **15-10-18.3. Free tuition in North Dakota institutions of higher education.**

7 ~~Any~~A dependent, as defined in section 15-10-18.2, upon being duly accepted for enrollment
8 into ~~any~~an undergraduate degree or certificate program of a North Dakota state institution of
9 higher education, must be allowed to obtain a bachelor's degree or certificate of completion, for
10 so long as the dependent is eligible, free of any tuition and fee charges ~~if the bachelor's degree~~
11 ~~or certificate of completion is earned within a forty-five-month or ten-semester period or its~~
12 ~~equivalent~~ and if tuition and fee charges do not include costs for aviation flight charges or
13 expenses. Once an individual qualifies as a dependent under ~~section~~section 15-10-18.2 and
14 ~~15-10-18.3~~this section, the dependent may not be disqualified from the benefits of this section:

- 15 1. Due to the return of the prisoner of war;
16 2. Due to the return of the individual missing in action; or
17 3. Because the veteran through whom the benefit was obtained had a one hundred
18 percent service-connected disability at the time of death.