

Free tuition for dependents of disabled veterans or veterans killed in action
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Good afternoon, Chairman Heinert and House Education Committee. I am State Representative Brandy Pyle from District 22. I am here today to introduce HB 1196.

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.

This is a piece of legislation that I truly hope we do not have to use, but is there if need be.

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