

SENATE FILE NO. _____

Veteran's surviving spouse.

Sponsored by: Joint Transportation, Highways and Military
Affairs Interim Committee

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to veterans; extending tuition and fee
2 benefits to surviving spouses; extending benefits to active
3 state service; amending a definition; and providing for an
4 effective date.

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6 *Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:*

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8 **Section 1.** W.S. 19-14-106(a)(i) and (b) is amended to
9 read:

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11 **19-14-106. Free tuition and fees for education of**
12 **deceased veteran's spouse and children; definitions.**

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14 (a) As used in this section:

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1 (i) "~~War orphan~~ Eligible person" includes the
2 surviving spouse and child of any person who was a resident
3 of Wyoming at the time of entering into active state
4 service or active service with the military forces of the
5 United States; and

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7 (A) ~~Who died while in such service during a~~
8 ~~period of war~~ Whose death was service connected, as defined
9 in 81 Stat. 181, 38 U.S.C. 101, or is listed officially in
10 the military records of the United States as being a
11 prisoner of war or missing in action as a result of ~~the~~
12 ~~Korean or Vietnam conflicts~~ active state service or active
13 service with the military forces of the United States; or

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15 (B) Who was honorably discharged from the
16 military forces of the United States and thereafter died of
17 an injury or disease incurred while in active state service
18 or active service with such military forces, being a
19 resident at the time of death.

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21 (b) The state or any political educational
22 subdivision shall provide free tuition, matriculation and
23 other fees to all ~~war orphans~~ eligible persons who are
24 residents of this state and who are attending or may attend

1 any state institutions in elementary, secondary and college
2 grades, business colleges, state vocational training
3 schools or other educational institutions of this state
4 where courses of instruction are provided in subjects which
5 would tend to enable the ~~orphans~~eligible persons to engage
6 in any useful trade, occupation or profession.

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8 **Section 2.** This act is effective July 1, 2005.

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