

Subdivision 1. GRANTS-IN-AID. The partnership may provide grants-in-aid to educational or other nonprofit institutions using the following guidelines:

(a) The educational or other nonprofit institution is a provider of training within the state in either the public or private sector;

(b) The program involves skills training that is an area of employment need; and

(c) Preference will be given to educational or other nonprofit institutions which serve economically disadvantaged people, minorities, or those who are victims of economic dislocation.

Grants shall not exceed \$200,000 to any one institution.

Subd. 2. INFORMATION. The board may collect and disseminate information concerning areas of projected employment need. The board may also prepare and publish studies, organize conferences, and conduct special projects which will increase knowledge and communication in the areas of employment need, skills training, and education.

#### Sec. 5. [116L.05] FUNDING.

Subdivision 1. FEDERAL JOB TRAINING FUNDS. The board may use federal job training program moneys and is authorized to receive those funds.

Subd. 2. GRANTS, GIFTS. The board may accept gifts and grants of any type from any source.

#### Sec. 6. APPROPRIATION.

The sum of \$1,500,000 is appropriated to the legislative advisory commission from the general fund for deposit in a special contingent account in the state treasury called the job partnership account. The appropriation shall not lapse. The commission may expend funds from the account for the purposes of sections 1 to 6 only after approval of the board created by section 2.

#### Sec. 7. REPEALER.

Sections 1 to 6 are repealed June 30, 1987.

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### CHAPTER 335 — H.F.No. 858

*An act relating to veterans; clarifying eligibility for certain educational programs; standardize the definition of "veteran"; improve management of grant program; coordinate program with federal law; amending Minnesota Statutes 1982, section 197.75; proposing new law coded in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 197; repealing Minnesota Statutes 1982, sections 197.09; 197.10; and 197.11.*

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BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1982, section 197.75, is amended to read:

**197.75 EXPENDITURES, LIMITATION EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE, WAR ORPHANS AND VETERANS.**

Subdivision 1. **BENEFITS; ELIGIBILITY.** The commissioner of veterans affairs shall spend a biennial appropriation for tuition of ~~soldiers~~ veterans, and for tuition, fees, board, room, books and supplies of the children of ~~soldiers~~ veterans who have died as a result of their service in the ~~military or naval forces~~ armed forces of the United States as determined by the United States Veterans Administration or other instrumentality of the United States, in the University of Minnesota, a state university, a community college, an area vocational technical institute, or any other university of higher learning within the state accredited by the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools, a law college approved by the supreme court, a nursing school approved by the state ~~nurses~~ examining board of nursing, or in a trade, business, or vocational school in the state which may be approved by the state department of education, or in a theological seminary, for any course which such ~~soldier~~ veteran or child may elect. Not more than \$350 shall be expended for the benefit of any individual ~~soldier~~ veteran, and not more than \$350 in any ~~calendar~~ fiscal year shall be expended for the benefit of any child under this section, and ~~that the need therefor~~ for the benefit shall be established and determined by the commissioner of veterans affairs. No child of any ~~soldier~~ veteran shall make application for the benefits provided ~~herein in this section~~ unless such the child shall have resided in Minnesota for at least two years immediately prior to the date of said the application. Children of ~~soldiers~~ veterans eligible for benefits ~~hereunder according to this section~~ shall be admitted to state institutions of university grade free of tuition until they receive a bachelors or equivalent degree. Payments of tuition as ~~provided for herein~~ benefits shall be made by the ~~commissioner of veterans affairs~~ commissioner of veterans affairs directly to the institution in which the course of instruction is given upon ~~such conditions as shall be imposed by the commissioner of veterans affairs~~ or to the individual on forms prescribed by the commissioner.

Subd. 2. **LIMITATIONS.** None of the provisions of subdivision 1, shall be made available to any ~~soldier~~ veteran who is entitled to the same or similar benefits under any law or regulation of the United States, ~~rule or regulation of any department thereof~~, now in force or hereafter created, unless ~~said soldier~~ the veteran shall have been eligible for and exhausted the benefits he the veteran is entitled to under the laws of the United States, through use thereof, in which event ~~he the veteran~~ shall be entitled to the benefits provided for by subdivision 1.

Subd. 3. **PROOF OF ELIGIBILITY.** ~~Each such institution shall certify to the commissioner of veterans affairs of the state the names of all applicants for benefits under this section who have presented to such institution an honorable discharge from the armed forces of the United States or proof of the service of the~~

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parent of such applicant Approval for benefits under this section shall require submission of the following evidence: application, financial statement, proof of military service, proof of residency and where applicable, a statement from the U.S. Veterans Administration that the veteran has exhausted entitlement to federal educational benefits through use thereof or that the veteran died of service connected disabilities. Upon submission of satisfactory proof of eligibility, benefits shall be provided from the date of application and notification of approval shall be sent to the educational institution and applicant.

Subd. 4. **REIMBURSEMENT FORM.** Each such institution shall make triplicate lists of such applicants, showing the name of each applicant, the course selected, and the charge for tuition for such course which shall be not more than the regular charge, and file the same with the commissioner of veterans affairs, who shall check such lists with such records as are on file in his office or as can be procured from reliable sources; the commissioner of veterans affairs shall thereupon certify to such institution the names of the applicants on such lists who are eligible for the benefits provided for in this section. At the end of each semester or term, each institution shall certify one of such lists certified to such institution by the commissioner of veterans affairs, showing the period each student listed thereon has attended and the proportion and amount of tuition applicable to such semester or term, and file the same with the commissioner of veterans affairs, who shall check such list and, if correct, authorize payment of the amounts due thereon in the manner provided by law Reimbursement to such institution or eligible individual authorized under subdivision 1 shall be on forms prescribed by the commissioner.

Subd. 5. **DEFINITION OF VETERAN.** The word "soldier" as used in this section means any person honorably discharged from the armed forces of the United States who served in the Civil War, Spanish American War, Philippine Insurrection, China Relief Expedition, World War I between April 6, 1917 and November 11, 1918, both dates inclusive, on or after December 7, 1941 until final cessation of all hostilities as determined by the proper state authorities in order to give recognition for service performed in the following hostile actions: World War II, Korean conflict, Lebanon crisis, Berlin crisis, Quemoy and Matsu, Taiwan Straits, Cuban crisis, the Congo, Laos, the Dominican Republic and Vietnam, and to include service therein but not to exclude persons who did not have service in those areas. Such soldier shall have been a resident of the state of Minnesota at the time he was commissioned, enlisted, inducted, appointed, or mustered into the military or naval service. The word "soldier" includes a person having continuous service for not less than 90 days unless terminated sooner by disability due to service in the military or naval forces, but does not include a person enlisted and accepted for active training only for a period of six months or less The word "veteran" as used in this section shall have the same meaning as defined in section 197.447 except that it shall include service persons that died while on active duty.

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Subd. 6. RESIDENCE REQUIRED. Veterans under this section shall have been a resident of the state of Minnesota at the time of induction into the armed forces and six months immediately preceding the induction.

**Sec. 2. [197.752] EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE-POW/MIA DEPENDENTS.**

Any dependent of a prisoner of war or a person missing in action, upon being duly accepted for enrollment in any Minnesota public post-secondary institution, shall be allowed to attend the institution to obtain a bachelors degree or certificate of completion, for so long as he is eligible, free of tuition or charge. A dependent who enrolls as an undergraduate in any private Minnesota post-secondary institution shall be entitled to payment by the state of tuition and fees at a rate not to exceed \$250 per year for so long as the dependent is eligible to attend the institution and is working toward a bachelors degree or certificate of completion.

"Prisoner of war" and "persons missing in action" for purposes of this section mean any person who was a resident of the state at the time the person entered service of the United States Armed Forces, or whose official residence is within the state, and who, while serving in the United States Armed Forces has been declared to be a prisoner of war, or to be a person missing in action as established by the Secretary of Defense after August 1, 1958.

"Dependent" for purposes of this section means the spouse of a prisoner of war or person missing in action, or any child born before or during the period of time his parent served as a prisoner of war or was declared a person missing in action, or any child legally adopted or in the legal custody of the parent prior to and during the time the parent served as a prisoner of war or was declared to be a person missing in action. Once a person qualifies as a dependent under the terms and provisions of this section there shall be no situation such as the return of the spouse or parent or the reported death of the spouse or parent that will remove the dependent from provisions or benefits of this section.

**Sec. 3. REPEALER.**

Minnesota Statutes 1982, sections 197.09, 197.10, and 197.11 are repealed.

**Sec. 4. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

Sections 1 to 4 are effective the day following final enactment.

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**CHAPTER 336 — H.F.No. 916**

*An act relating to economic development; creating a preference for Minnesota residents in the awarding of public contracts; creating a preference for Minnesota labor and materials; proposing new law coded in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 16.*

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