

**PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 62**

**HOUSE BILL NO. 15**

**By Representatives Curtiss, Jim Cobb, Hill, Brown**

**Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 65**

**By Senators Crowe, Bunch, Kurita, Burks, Raymond Finney**

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-7-102, relative to waiver of tuition and fees at state institutions of higher education for dependents of POW's or deceased veterans.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-7-102(b)(1)(A), is amended by deleting the words "department of veterans affairs" and substituting instead the word "government".

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-7-102(b)(1)(B), is amended by deleting the words "department of defense" and substituting instead the word "government".

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-7-102(c)(3), is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated subdivision:

( ) Navy Submarine Combat Patrol & SSBN Deterrent Patrol Insignia.

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-7-102(e)(2), is amended by deleting the language "accumulated one hundred fifty (150) semester hours, or the equivalent" and substituting instead the language "earned one hundred thirty-five (135) semester hours, or the equivalent, excluding required remedial or developmental hours".

SECTION 5. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-7-102(e), is amended by deleting subdivision (3) in its entirety and substituting instead the following:

(3) The dependent child has attempted one hundred fifty (150) semester hours, or the equivalent, inclusive of required remedial or developmental hours.

SECTION 6. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-7-102(f)(2), is amended by deleting the language "accumulated one hundred fifty (150) semester hours, or the equivalent" and substituting instead the language "earned one hundred thirty-five (135) semester hours, or the equivalent, excluding required remedial or developmental hours".

SECTION 7. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-7-102(f), is amended by deleting subdivision (3) in its entirety and substituting instead the following:

(3) The spouse has attempted one hundred fifty (150) semester hours, or the equivalent, inclusive of required remedial or developmental hours.

SECTION 8. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-7-102, is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated subsection:

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(1) All public institutions of higher education shall publish notice of the foregoing veterans' dependents' education benefit program in their catalogs and schedules of classes.

(2) Inclusion of such information shall be subject to annual review by the veterans' education division of the Tennessee higher education commission.

SECTION 9. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

**PASSED: April 16, 2007**

  
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JIMMY NAIFEH, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

  
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RON RAMSEY  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

**APPROVED this 30th day of April 2007**

  
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PHIL BREDESEN, GOVERNOR