

HB 1237 -- Scholarship Program

Sponsor: Cooper (158)

This bill establishes a scholarship program for the surviving children of veterans killed in combat if the veteran was a Missouri resident upon entering the military and at the time of his or her death. The veteran's death must be a result of combat or an illness that was or could have been contracted while serving in combat.

The Coordinating Board for Higher Education will award up to 25 scholarships annually. A surviving child must be certified as eligible by a Missouri state veterans service officer. A surviving child is eligible to receive this scholarship until age 25.

Each scholarship will include full tuition, a room and board allowance of up to \$2,000 per semester, and the actual cost of books up to \$500 per semester. The scholarship will be reduced by the amount of other financial aid awarded the student so that he or she does not receive more than 100% of the cost of tuition and books when combined with all available funds.

The provisions of the bill will expire six years from the effective date.