

HB 715 -- VETERAN'S SURVIVORS GRANT PROGRAM

SPONSOR: Lynch

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Veterans by a vote of 13 to 0. Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Rules- Administrative Oversight by a vote of 8 to 0.

Currently, the Veteran's Survivors Grant Program will sunset on August 28, 2020. This bill exempts the program, which provides higher education financial aid grants to qualified survivors of qualified military members, from the sunset provision.

This bill is the same as SB 283 (2019).

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that this bill would remove sunset provisions to the Veteran's Survivors Grant Program, but would still leave the program subject to appropriations. Supporters also say that this program does not cost that much money and the program should be extended.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Lynch and the Women's Foundation.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.