

No. 213

AN ACT

SB 1397

Providing scholarships for certain dependents of members of the armed services who while on active duty are taken as prisoners of war or are reported missing in action and making an appropriation.

The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hereby enacts as follows:

Section 1. Definitions.—As used in this act:

(1) “Qualified dependent” means the child of a member of the armed services who served on active duty after January 31, 1955 and who (i) has been or is a prisoner of war or is reported as missing in action and (ii) was a resident of Pennsylvania for at least twelve months preceding his service on active duty. The term does not include the child of any such member of the armed services who deserted, defected to the enemy, or has otherwise been discharged under other than honorable conditions.

(2) “Approved program of education” means any degree or non-degree curriculum or course of study to be pursued on at least one-half time basis for a duration of at least one academic year or its equivalent at an approved institution of higher learning.

(3) “Approved institution of higher learning” shall mean any institution of higher learning approved by the agency.

Section 2. Scholarships for Qualified Dependents.—From the funds appropriated under this act and by the General Assembly from time to time for the purposes of this act, the Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency is hereby authorized to provide scholarships to qualified dependents enrolled in approved programs of education whose eligibility under the provisions of the act of January 25, 1966 (P.L.1546), entitled “An act providing scholarships and providing funds to secure Federal funds for qualified students of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania who need financial assistance to attend postsecondary institutions of higher learning, making an appropriation, and providing for the administration of this act,” shall be determined without regard to the financial status of their parents or the scholastic achievement test score of the qualified dependent.

Section 3. Amount of Scholarship.—Scholarships awarded under this act to cover full-time study shall not exceed, per academic year, the tuition and fee charges at the institution of higher learning at which the applicant is enrolled or twelve hundred dollars (\$1,200), whichever is the lesser. Scholarships covering less than full time and at least one-half time study shall be in a proportionate amount.

Section 4. Appropriation.—The sum of forty thousand dollars (\$40,000) is hereby appropriated to the Pennsylvania Higher Education

Assistance Agency to be transferred at the request of the agency and deposited in the Higher Education Assistance Fund for the purpose and administration of this act.

Section 5. Effective Date.—This act shall take effect immediately.

APPROVED—The 11th day of October, A. D. 1972.

MILTON J. SHAPP

The foregoing is a true and correct copy of Act of the General Assembly No. 213.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "C. McLaughlin Tucker". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Secretary of the Commonwealth.