

## No. 216

## AN ACT

## HB 2194

Providing scholarships for qualified veterans who need financial assistance to complete approved program of education and making an appropriation.

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

Section 1. Short Title.—This act shall be known and may be cited as the “Veterans’ Education Act of 1971.”

Section 2. Definitions.—As used in this act:

(1) “Qualified veterans” means any veteran who:

(i) Served on active duty for a period of more than one hundred eighty days and part of which accrued after January 31, 1955 and who was discharged or released therefrom under conditions other than dishonorable, or who was released or discharged from active duty after January 31, 1955 for a service-connected disability.

(ii) Was a resident of Pennsylvania for at least twelve months immediately preceding his service on active duty, has continued to reside in Pennsylvania following his discharge or release from active duty and continues to reside in Pennsylvania during the period in which he is enrolled in an institution of higher learning. The agency shall make the final determination in all questions of residency.

(iii) Shall satisfactorily meet the qualification of financial need as determined by uniform standards and procedures to be established by the agency and to be determined without regard to the financial status of their parents unless the agency finds that the applicant is in fact receiving parental financial support.

(2) “Approved program of education” means any degree or non-degree curriculum or course of study to be pursued on a full-time basis for a duration of at least two academic years 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 3. Scholarships for Veterans.—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 veterans enrolled in approved programs of education.

Section 4. 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 (\$1200), whichever is the lesser.

Section 5. Appropriation.—The sum of one million four hundred

thousand dollars (\$1,400,000), 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 6. 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. 216.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "C. McLaughlin Tucker". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "C" and a prominent "T" at the end.

*Secretary of the Commonwealth.*