

SB-48

Offering enhanced education benefits for the children of veterans who saw combat between 1990 and 2022 protecting U.S. interests in the Middle East.

IN THE SENATE OF THE AMERICAN LEGION BOYS NATION

Mr. DONG of South Carolina introduced the following bill;

A BILL

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Be it enacted by The American Legion Boys Nation Senate assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Children of Veterans Education Assistance Act".

SECTION 2. FINDINGS AND PURPOSE

(1) Findings:

(A) The "Post-9/11 Veterans Educational Assistance Improvements Act of 2010" offers only 36 months of transferable education benefits regardless of the number of a veteran's children.

(2) Purpose:

(A) The purpose of this act is to offer enhanced education benefits for the children of American veterans of the Middle East.

SECTION 3. DEFINITIONS

(1) "Children of veterans" are limited to biological or legally adopted children of veterans under the age of 26.

SECTION 4. EDUCATION GRANTS FOR CHILDREN OF VETERANS OF THE MIDDLE EAST

There are hereby appropriated, from any money designated for the Department of Veterans Affairs not otherwise appropriated,

(1) Grants in aid to finance postsecondary education in any regionally accredited two-year or four-year college, university, trade or vocation school, for children of veterans of the Middle East, as previously defined.

(2) These grants--

(A) Shall be applied to the beneficiary's remaining cost of attendance after deductions for any institutional aid, scholarships, or other grants. In no event may a beneficiary's total combined financial aid from all sources exceed the institution's Cost of Attendance as that term is defined in the Federal Student Aid Handbook published annually by the United States Department of Education.

(B) Shall not exceed \$30,000 per grantee per year

(C) Shall not exceed a total of \$120,000 per grantee

SECTION 5. MONITORING OF THE PROGRAM

The Department of Veterans Affairs will be responsible for monitoring the program and awarding grants to the proper recipients.

SECTION 6. EXPIRATION OF GRANT ELIGIBILITY.

Any grant awarded pursuant to this act shall expire upon the grantee reaching the age of 26.