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3 By Senators Holtzclaw, Taylor, Williams and Dial
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8 SYNOPSIS: Under existing law, the wife, widow, or
9 child of a veteran is entitled to scholarship
10 benefits for postsecondary education based on
11 certain conditions including service of the veteran
12 during "wartime or extra hazardous conditions." The
13 Department of Veterans' Affairs has in the past
14 provided benefits to dependents of any veteran
15 based on any service, but as of January 2011 began
16 providing benefits only to dependents of veterans
17 who served during certain designated conflict
18 periods.

19 This bill would extend the existing
20 scholarship benefits to dependents of any veteran
21 based on any service of the veteran.

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23 A BILL
24 TO BE ENTITLED
25 AN ACT
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1 To amend Section 31-6-11 of the Code of Alabama
2 1975, relating to veteran benefits, to further provide for
3 educational scholarship benefits for postsecondary education
4 to dependents of any veteran based on any service of the
5 veteran.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

7 Section 1. Section 31-6-11 of the Code of Alabama
8 1975, is amended to read as follows:

9 "§31-6-11.

10 "(a) Before an application of any veteran for
11 benefits under this chapter can be approved, such veteran
12 shall submit proof, satisfactory to the State Department of
13 Veterans' Affairs, of all of the following:

14 "(1) Identification~~;~~.

15 "(2) Having been a permanent resident of the State
16 of Alabama for at least one year immediately prior to his or
17 her entrance into service~~;~~ ~~and~~.

18 "(3) An honorable discharge or other proof of
19 honorable termination of at least 24 months of service in the
20 armed forces, or if such veteran was discharged or released by
21 reason of service-connected disability then proof of honorable
22 termination of less than 24 months of service is acceptable.

23 "(b) Before the application of a wife, widow~~,~~ or
24 child of a disabled veteran or a deceased veteran or
25 serviceman for educational benefits under this chapter is
26 approved, proof, satisfactory to the State Department of
27 Veterans' Affairs, must be submitted of all of the following:

1 "(1) Establishing the identification of such wife,
2 widow, or child as the wife, widow, or child of the veteran or
3 serviceman, as the case may be; .

4 "(2) Of ~~such~~ the veteran or serviceman having been a
5 permanent resident of the State of Alabama for at least one
6 year immediately prior to his or her entrance into service, or
7 if the applicant is the wife, widow, or child of a totally and
8 permanently disabled veteran, then proof either of the
9 veteran's having been a permanent resident of the State of
10 Alabama for at least one year prior to his or her entrance
11 into service or proof that ~~such~~ the veteran has been a bona
12 fide resident of this state for at least five years
13 immediately prior to the filing of the application for
14 benefits under this chapter or immediately prior to his or her
15 death if the veteran is deceased; ~~and~~; .

16 "(3) An honorable discharge or other proof of
17 honorable termination of service of the veteran or serviceman
18 in the armed forces for a period of at least 90 days between
19 the dates mentioned in this chapter, or service of less than
20 90 days if the veteran or serviceman was discharged or
21 released by reason of service-connected disability.

22 "~~(c) The service upon which any benefits are awarded~~
23 ~~under this chapter shall have been rendered during wartime or~~
24 ~~under extrahazardous conditions; and this condition of~~
25 ~~eligibility shall be established by the State Department of~~
26 ~~Veterans' Affairs."~~

1 Section 2. This act shall become effective
2 immediately following its passage and approval by the
3 Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.