- 1 HB554
- 2 212479-3
- 3 By Representative Rich
- 4 RFD: Ways and Means Education
- 5 First Read: 18-MAR-21

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| 4  | A BILL   |
| 5  | TO BE ENTITLED   |
| 6  | AN ACT   |
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| 8  | Relating to children of disabled and deceased                                |
| 9  | veterans and prisoners of war; to amend Section 31-6-2, Code                 |
| 10 | of Alabama 1975, and to add Section 31-6-2.1 to the Code of                  |
| 11 | Alabama 1975, to provide further for educational benefits for                |
| 12 | children of disabled and deceased veterans and children                      |
| 13 | otherwise eligible for educational benefits attending a                      |
| 14 | comprehensive transition and postsecondary program for                       |
| 15 | students with intellectual disabilities at a state four-year                 |
| 16 | college or university.   |
| 17 | BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:                                 |
| 18 | Section 1. Section 31-6-2, Code of Alabama 1975, is                          |
| 19 | amended to read as follows:  |
| 20 | "§31-6-2.  |
| 21 | "For the purposes of this chapter, the following                             |
| 22 | terms shall have the meanings ascribed to them by this                       |
| 23 | section:   |
| 24 | "(1) ARMED FORCES. <del>Such</del> <u>The</u> term <del>shall include</del>  |
| 25 | includes the United States Army, Air Force, Navy, Marine                     |
| 26 | Corps, <u>Space Force</u> , and Coast Guard, and such. <u>The</u> term shall |
| 27 | also <del>include</del> <u>includes</u> the units of those branches of the   |

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1 services having women troops. It shall also include and the 2 Army, Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard Nurse Corps. "(2) COMPREHENSIVE TRANSITION AND POSTSECONDARY 3 PROGRAM FOR STUDENTS WITH INTELLECTUAL DISABILITIES. Has the 4 5 same meaning as in 20 U.S.C. § 1140. "(2)(3) HUSBAND. Such term shall mean spouse Spouse. 6 7 "(3)(4) TUITION. Fees for instruction. "(4)(5) TUITION AND FEES. All fees known and classed 8 9 as instructional fees. 10 "(5)(6) WIDOW. Such term shall mean widow or widower. WIDOW or WIDOWER. An individual whose spouse is 11 12 deceased. 13 "(6)(7) WIFE. Such term shall mean spouse Spouse." 14 Section 2. Section 31-6-2.1 is added to the Code of 15 Alabama 1975, to read as follows: 16 §31-6-2.1. For the purposes of this chapter, in addition to any 17 18 other benefits granted under this chapter, any child of a disabled or deceased veteran or otherwise eligible for 19 20 educational benefits under this chapter who is admitted to 21 attend and attends a comprehensive transition and 22 postsecondary program for students with intellectual 23 disabilities at a state four-year college or university shall 24 be eligible to receive benefits equal to the benefits provided pursuant to this chapter, to any other child eligible for 25 26 educational benefits in an undergraduate course of study at a state four-year college or university under this chapter 27

without regard as to whether the program is a degree,
 certificate, or non-degree program.

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

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| 4<br>5<br>6<br>7<br>8 | Read for the first time and re-<br>ferred to the House of Representa-<br>tives committee on Ways and Means<br>Education 18-MAR-21 |
| 9<br>10<br>11<br>12   | Read for the second time and placed<br>on the calendar with 1 substitute<br>and 07-APR-21   |
| 13<br>14<br>15        | Read for the third time and passed<br>as amended 15-APR-21<br>Yeas 98, Nays 0, Abstains 0   |

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