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SYNOPSIS: Under existing law, the Alabama G.I. and Dependents' Educational Benefit Act provides scholarship benefits for postsecondary education to the dependents of veterans based on certain conditions.

This bill would provide that the scholarship benefits are provided for instruction at any public or private two-year or four-year institution of higher education that is physically located in the state and receives state funds.

A BILL
TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

Relating to the Alabama G.I. and Dependents' Educational Benefit Act; to amend Sections 31-6-2 and 31-6-4, as last amended by Act 2021-444, 2021 Regular Session, and Sections 31-6-5, 31-6-6, 31-6-8, 31-6-9, 31-6-11, 31-6-12, 31-6-13, 31-6-15, 31-6-15.1, and 31-6-16, Code of Alabama

1 1975, to provide that scholarship benefits may be used for
2 instruction at any public or private two-year or four-year
3 institution of higher education located in the state that
4 receives state funds; and to make nonsubstantive, technical
5 revisions to update the existing code language to current
6 style.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

8 Section 1. Sections 31-6-2 and 31-6-4, as last
9 amended by Act 2021-444, 2021 Regular Session, and Sections
10 31-6-5, 31-6-6, 31-6-8, 31-6-9, 31-6-11, 31-6-12, 31-6-13,
11 31-6-15, 31-6-15.1, and 31-6-16 of the Code of Alabama 1975,
12 are amended to read as follows:

13 "§31-6-2.

14 "For the purposes of this chapter, the following
15 terms shall have the meanings ascribed to them by this
16 section:

17 "(1) ARMED FORCES. ~~The term includes~~ Includes the
18 United States Army, Air Force, Navy, Marine Corps, Space
19 Force, and Coast Guard. The term also includes the units of
20 those branches of the services having women troops and the
21 Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Space Force, and Coast Guard Nurse
22 Corps.

23 "(2) COMPREHENSIVE TRANSITION AND POSTSECONDARY
24 PROGRAM FOR STUDENTS WITH INTELLECTUAL DISABILITIES. Has the
25 same meaning as in 20 U.S.C. § 1140.

26 "~~(3) HUSBAND. Spouse.~~

27 "(3) SPOUSE. Husband or wife.

1 "(4) STATE-SUPPORTED SCHOOL. Any regionally
2 accredited public or private two-year or four-year institution
3 of higher education physically located in the state that
4 receives a direct appropriation from the state or whose
5 resident students may receive appropriations from the state
6 through the Alabama Student Grant Program.

7 "~~(4)~~ (5) TUITION. Fees for instruction.

8 "~~(5)~~ (6) TUITION AND FEES. All fees known and classed
9 as instructional fees.

10 "~~(6)~~ (7) WIDOW ~~or WIDOWER~~. An individual whose spouse
11 is deceased.

12 "~~(7)~~ ~~WIFE. Spouse.~~

13 "§31-6-4.

14 "(a) Any child whose father or mother:

15 "(1) Was killed or died in the line of duty or is
16 listed as missing in action or is/was a prisoner of war or
17 whose death or permanent total disabilities were
18 service-connected while serving as a member of the armed
19 forces;

20 "(2) Died from a disability incurred from military
21 service, as established by the State Department of Veterans'
22 Affairs, after having been discharged under conditions other
23 than dishonorable and after having served at least 90 days
24 consecutively in the armed forces prior to and/or subsequent
25 to the date on which the disability occurred, or who was
26 honorably discharged by reason of wartime, service-connected
27 disability after serving less than 90 days;

1 "(3) Was killed or died while on state active duty
2 status as defined in Section 31-12-1, or whose death results
3 proximately and within three years from an injury received
4 while on state active duty status; or

5 "(4) Has been assigned 100 percent permanent or
6 total disability rated by the United States Veterans'
7 Administration, or was discharged or retired from the armed
8 forces with a 40 percent or more disability and maintained
9 that percentage (such person to be deemed to be a disabled
10 veteran); may attend any ~~Alabama state institution of higher~~
11 ~~learning, college, or university~~ state-supported school for a
12 period of five standard academic years, not to exceed 45
13 months or the equivalent of 45 months if enrolled part-time,
14 pursuant to the tuition reimbursement guidelines as provided
15 in subsection (c) for ~~such college or university~~
16 state-supported school attendance, or any such child may take
17 a prescribed course in any ~~Alabama~~ state-supported ~~community~~
18 ~~or technical college~~ school for the length of any prescribed
19 course of study of his or her choosing, and if such course
20 does not require the full 45 months, then training for the
21 remainder of the 45 months' entitlement may be taken at a
22 state-supported ~~college or university~~ school only, pursuant to
23 the tuition reimbursement guidelines as provided in subsection
24 (c). Training under this section must be initiated prior to
25 the child's thirtieth birthday, and must be completed within
26 eight years after its initiation, except for delays caused by
27 military service during the training period, and in no case

1 may training be received under this chapter beyond the
2 thirty-eighth birthday of ~~such~~ the child.

3 "(b) Except as provided in Section 31-6-11(e), the
4 educational benefits provided by this section to children
5 making application for benefits for the first time beginning
6 with the fall term of the 2014-2015 academic year, and
7 thereafter, shall be limited to undergraduate courses of study
8 only, and the value of tuition paid shall be limited to the
9 in-state tuition rate of the ~~Alabama state institution of~~
10 ~~higher learning, college, or university~~ state-supported school
11 attended.

12 "(c) For those first filing for benefits under this
13 chapter on or after July 31, 2017, the educational benefit
14 shall be for tuition reimbursement and books and fees
15 reimbursement. The value of tuition paid per semester hour (or
16 equivalent) shall be limited to the rate of the Department of
17 Defense Tuition Assistance Cap. The value of the books and
18 fees paid per semester shall be limited to one thousand
19 dollars (\$1,000) per student.

20 "(d) For the purpose of the minimum disability
21 requirement provided for in subdivision (a)(4), the dependent
22 of any veteran whose disability rating as of July 31, 2017, is
23 at least 20 percent but less than 40 percent shall qualify for
24 the benefits of this chapter, provided that the dependent
25 shall file application for such benefits before July 31, 2023,
26 and the dependent is reasonably expected to be eligible to

1 attend ~~an Alabama institution of higher learning, college or~~
2 ~~university~~ a state-supported school in the next academic year.

3 "§31-6-5.

4 "(a) Any ~~wife or husband~~ spouse or unmarried widow
5 ~~or widower~~ whose spouse, during their marriage:

6 "(1) Was killed or died in the line of duty or is
7 listed as missing in action or is/was a prisoner of war while
8 serving as a member of the armed forces;

9 "(2) Died from a disability incurred from military
10 service; or

11 "(3) Is 100 percent permanently and totally
12 disabled, whose permanent and total disabilities were
13 service-connected; shall be entitled to training in any
14 ~~Alabama~~ state-supported ~~college or university~~ school for a
15 period of five standard academic years, not to exceed 45
16 months, or to training for the equivalent of 45 months if
17 enrolled part-time, or to training in a prescribed course in a
18 state-supported ~~community or technical college~~ school, and if
19 ~~such~~ the course does not require the full 45 months, then
20 training for the remainder of such 45 months' entitlement may
21 be taken at a state-supported ~~college or university~~ school
22 only, pursuant to the tuition reimbursement guidelines as
23 provided in subsection (c). One change of program will be
24 allowed without counseling. All training received under this
25 section must be completed within eight years after the
26 beginning date of the course. This section shall not apply to
27 the spouse of any ~~such~~ deceased serviceman or veteran who has

1 remarried prior to applying for and obtaining educational
2 benefits under this section, and should any such spouse of
3 ~~such the~~ deceased serviceman or veteran remarry during the
4 time he or she is in attendance upon any of the
5 state-supported schools, ~~colleges, or universities~~ mentioned
6 in this section, then he or she shall pay tuition and fees for
7 the course of study or attendance upon such state-supported
8 school, ~~college, or university~~ from the time of the
9 remarriage. The benefits provided under this section shall be
10 in addition to federal government benefits.

11 "(b) Except as provided in Section 31-6-11(e), the
12 educational benefits provided by this section to ~~wives,~~
13 ~~husbands,~~ spouses and unmarried widows ~~or widowers~~ making
14 application for benefits for the first time beginning with the
15 fall term of the 2014-2015 academic year, and thereafter,
16 shall be limited to undergraduate courses of study only, and
17 the value of tuition paid shall be limited to the in-state
18 tuition rate of the ~~Alabama~~ state-supported ~~college or~~
19 ~~university~~ school attended.

20 "(c) For those first filing for benefits under this
21 chapter on or after July 31, 2017, the educational benefit
22 shall be for tuition reimbursement and books and fees
23 reimbursement. The value of tuition paid per semester hour (or
24 equivalent) shall be limited to the rate of the Department of
25 Defense Tuition Assistance Cap. The value of the books and
26 fees paid per semester shall be limited to ~~\$1,000~~ one thousand
27 dollars (\$1,000) per student.

1 "§31-6-6.

2 "(a) The spouse and children of any veteran who is
3 suffering from 40 to 90 percent service-connected disability
4 brought about from service in the Armed Forces of the United
5 States, or the unmarried widow ~~or widower~~ and children of a
6 deceased veteran who was suffering from 40 percent or more of
7 service-connected disability at the time of death, provided
8 ~~such~~ the disabilities as are mentioned herein are incurred
9 from military service, as established by the State Department
10 of Veterans' Affairs, shall be entitled to the following
11 educational advantages and opportunities:

12 "(1) The spouse or unmarried widow ~~or widower~~, as
13 the case may be, shall be entitled to up to 27 months of
14 schooling, or the equivalent of 27 months if enrolled
15 part-time, in any ~~Alabama~~ state-supported ~~institution of~~
16 ~~higher learning, college, or university~~ school, or to a
17 prescribed course in any ~~Alabama~~ state-supported ~~community or~~
18 ~~technical college~~ school, pursuant to the tuition
19 reimbursement guidelines as provided in subsection (d). One
20 change of program will be allowed without counseling. ~~It is~~
21 ~~provided, however, that all~~ All training received at ~~state~~
22 ~~institutions of higher learning or state-supported community~~
23 ~~or technical college~~ schools under this subdivision must be
24 completed within a period of six years after the beginning
25 date of such two-year course or such prescribed course.

26 "(2) Each child of ~~such~~ a disabled veteran shall be
27 entitled to five standard academic years, or the equivalent of

1 45 months if enrolled part-time, in any ~~Alabama~~
2 state-supported ~~institution of higher learning, college, or~~
3 ~~university school~~, or to a prescribed course at an ~~Alabama a~~
4 state-supported ~~community or technical college~~ school. If the
5 course of training at the ~~community or technical college~~
6 state-supported school does not require the full time to which
7 ~~such the~~ child is entitled hereunder, then the remaining
8 entitlement may be taken in a state-supported ~~college or~~
9 ~~university school~~ only, pursuant to the tuition reimbursement
10 guidelines as provided in subsection (d). One change of
11 program will be allowed without counseling. Training under
12 this subdivision must be initiated prior to the child's
13 twenty-sixth birthday, and must be completed within eight
14 years after its initiation, except for delays caused by
15 military service during the training period, and in no case
16 may training be received under this section beyond the
17 thirty-fourth birthday of ~~such the~~ child.

18 "(b) For the purpose of the minimum disability
19 requirement provided for in subsection (a), the dependent of
20 any veteran whose disability rating as of July 31, 2017, is at
21 least 20 percent but less than 40 percent shall qualify for
22 the benefits of this chapter, provided that the dependent
23 shall file application for ~~such~~ benefits before July 31, 2023,
24 and the dependent is reasonably expected to be eligible to
25 attend an ~~Alabama institution of higher learning, college or~~
26 ~~university~~ a state-supported school in the next academic year.

1 "(c) Except as provided in Section 31-6-11(e), the
2 educational benefits provided by this section to spouses,
3 children, and unmarried widows ~~and widowers~~ making application
4 for benefits for the first time beginning with the fall term
5 of the 2014-2015 academic year, and thereafter, shall be
6 limited to undergraduate courses of study only, and the value
7 of tuition paid shall be limited to the in-state tuition rate
8 of the ~~Alabama state-supported institution of higher learning,~~
9 ~~college, or university~~ school attended.

10 "(d) For those first filing for benefits under this
11 chapter on or after July 31, 2017, the educational benefit
12 shall be for tuition reimbursement and books and fees
13 reimbursement. The value of tuition paid per semester hour (or
14 equivalent) shall be limited to the rate of the Department of
15 Defense Tuition Assistance Cap. The value of the books and
16 fees paid per semester shall be limited to ~~\$1,000~~ one thousand
17 dollars (\$1,000) per student.

18 "(e) The benefits provided under this section shall
19 be available in addition to federal government benefits. Any
20 child, spouse, or unmarried widow ~~or widower~~ who was denied
21 full entitlement, 27 or 45 months, whichever the case may be,
22 shall have the remainder of their entitlement reinstated under
23 this chapter.

24 "§31-6-8.

25 "Every bona fide permanent resident of at least one
26 year's residence in the State of Alabama immediately prior to
27 entrance into service, who serves in the Armed Forces of the

1 United States at least 24 months at any time after August 4,
2 1964, but before the end of the Vietnam War period as
3 determined by the President or the Congress of the United
4 States, or who is or was released or discharged from ~~such~~
5 service, under conditions other than dishonorable, by reason
6 of wartime service-connected disability after serving less
7 than 24 months, shall be entitled to take any extension or
8 correspondence course from any ~~state college or university~~
9 state-supported school offering same, without the payment of
10 any fees or charge for such extension or correspondence
11 course. The veteran taking advantage of this provision of this
12 chapter must do so within four years from the date of his or
13 her discharge; provided, however, no veteran shall be entitled
14 to ~~such~~ the correspondence or extension course during the time
15 he or she is receiving educational benefits under any federal
16 statute, or if he or she has already received maximum benefits
17 to which he or she was entitled under any federal statute.

18 "§31-6-9.

19 "(a) For those dependents who first file for
20 benefits under this chapter prior to July 31, 2017, the
21 benefits provided under this chapter shall be in addition to
22 any other state or federal benefits to which that dependent
23 may be entitled.

24 "(b) For dependents who first file for benefits
25 under this chapter on or after July 31, 2017:

26 "(1) To the extent permitted by law, prior to
27 applying any benefits provided for under this chapter,

1 institutional certifying officials and financial aid officials
2 shall first apply other federal, state, institutional, and
3 third party scholarships and grants awarded to the dependent
4 for that academic period for payment of required educational
5 expenses during an academic period.

6 "(2) A completed Free Application for Federal
7 Student Aid (FAFSA), or the equivalent, must be submitted to
8 the United States Department of Education for each year in
9 which the dependent receives benefits under this chapter. The
10 dependent shall have applied for all federal student financial
11 aid grants, including, but not limited to, Pell Grants,
12 Supplemental Education Opportunity Grants, and Education and
13 Training Vouchers, identified as being available for the
14 student's application by Federal Student Aid, an office of the
15 United States Department of Education, or its successor
16 agency.

17 "(3) All students receiving educational benefits
18 under this chapter and the ~~educational institutions~~
19 state-supported schools they attend must comply with the
20 standards of Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) as required
21 for Title IV benefits under the Higher Education Act and as
22 defined by that ~~education institution~~ state-supported school.
23 Those students who would no longer be eligible to receive
24 Title IV benefits due to a failure to meet SAP standards shall
25 no longer be eligible to receive benefits under this chapter.
26 ~~Education institutions~~ Each state-supported school shall
27 notify the Alabama Department of Veterans Affairs of any

1 student who currently holds a certificate of eligibility for
2 benefits under this chapter who is no longer eligible to
3 receive benefits due to a failure to meet SAP standards and
4 the effective date of that change in eligibility.

5 "(4) The dependent shall ensure that all
6 state-supported schools ~~they attend~~ he or she attends under
7 this program are authorized to release such personally
8 identifiable information to the Alabama Department of Veterans
9 Affairs as is required for the determination of that
10 dependent's continued eligibility and as required for the
11 completion of all reports required by law.

12 "(c) Any dependent who receives benefits under this
13 chapter, and whose benefit period is interrupted due to
14 accident, injury, or illness, shall have the benefit time
15 period which is lost due to such accident, illness, or injury
16 restored to him or her.

17 "(d) Notwithstanding any other provision of this
18 chapter to the contrary, dependents of any veteran whose
19 disability rating, if any, prior to May 23, 2017, was less
20 than 20 percent, but who had a claim for compensation pending
21 prior to that date which resulted in a final award by the
22 United States Department of Veterans Affairs of at least 20
23 percent, shall be eligible for education benefits as the
24 chapter read prior to May 23, 2017, if the dependent files an
25 application for benefits under this chapter within six months
26 of that final adjudication and provides proof satisfactory to
27 the Alabama Department of Veterans Affairs that ~~they qualify~~

1 he or she qualifies under this exception and currently ~~meet~~
2 satisfies the eligibility requirements as the chapter read
3 prior to May 23, 2017.

4 "§31-6-11.

5 "(a) Before an application of any veteran for
6 benefits under this chapter can be approved, ~~such~~ the veteran
7 shall submit proof, satisfactory to the State Department of
8 Veterans' Affairs, of all of the following:

9 "(1) Identification.

10 "(2) Having been a permanent resident of the State
11 of Alabama for at least one year immediately prior to his or
12 her entrance into service.

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

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

24 "(1) Establishing the identification of ~~such wife~~
25 the spouse, widow, or child as the ~~wife~~ spouse, widow, or
26 child of the veteran or serviceman, as the case may be.

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

13 "(3) Of the veteran or serviceman having been a
14 permanent resident of the State of Alabama for at least two
15 years immediately prior to the filing of the application for
16 benefits under this chapter or has filed an Alabama income tax
17 return as a resident individual for the previous ~~ten~~ 10 years
18 or is a current resident and was discharged from active duty
19 within the prior 12 months. If the veteran or serviceman is
20 deceased, his or her dependent may still qualify if the
21 veteran or serviceman met this residency requirement at the
22 time of his or her death. Alabama income tax return
23 information, including~~l~~ but not limited to~~l~~ the type of return
24 filed, necessary to show the residency requirements under this
25 chapter have been met is hereby exempted from the
26 confidentiality provisions of Section 40-2A-10, and shall be
27 provided by the Department of Revenue to the Department of

1 Veterans Affairs upon request. Such requests and the
2 significance of the information provided, shall be requested
3 by the Department of Veterans Affairs as necessary when other
4 residency information is not available, and the department
5 shall ~~promulgate~~ adopt rules and procedures to effect the
6 provisions of this section as needed.

7 "(4) Of the ~~wife~~ spouse, widow, or child being a
8 current resident of the State of Alabama.

9 "(5) An honorable discharge or other proof of
10 honorable termination of service of the veteran or serviceman
11 in the armed forces for a period of at least 90 days between
12 the dates mentioned in this chapter, or service of less than
13 90 days if the veteran or serviceman was discharged or
14 released by reason of service-connected disability.

15 "(c) The service upon which any benefits are awarded
16 under this chapter shall have been rendered during wartime or
17 under extrahazardous conditions, except as provided otherwise
18 in this section; and this condition of eligibility shall be
19 established by the State Department of Veterans' Affairs.

20 "(d) The service requirements provided for in
21 subsection (c) shall not apply to any person making
22 application for benefits under this chapter beginning with the
23 fall term of the 2014-2015 academic year, and thereafter.

24 "(e) Notwithstanding any other provision of this
25 chapter to the contrary, any person denied educational
26 benefits provided by this chapter based solely upon the
27 service requirements provided for in subsection (c) shall be

1 eligible to receive the benefits the person would otherwise
2 have been entitled to had their application been approved at
3 the time of initial application, except as provided otherwise
4 in this subsection. Any age limitation on the benefits
5 provided by this chapter shall be extended in like manner for
6 any ~~such~~ previously denied person to ensure that the person
7 has the opportunity to receive all benefits they would
8 otherwise have been entitled. In order to receive any
9 educational benefits, ~~such~~ the previously denied person must
10 reapply for educational benefits with the State Department of
11 Veterans' Affairs and begin use of the educational benefits no
12 later than the fall term of the 2015-2016 academic year. The
13 value of tuition paid for any such previously denied person
14 shall be limited to the in-state tuition rate of the ~~Alabama~~
15 ~~state institution of higher learning, college, or university~~
16 state-supported school attended.

17 "(f) For those first filing for benefits under this
18 chapter on or after July 31, 2017, the educational benefit
19 shall be for tuition reimbursement and books and fees
20 reimbursement. The value of tuition paid per semester hour (or
21 equivalent) shall be limited to the rate of the Department of
22 Defense Tuition Assistance Cap. The value of the books and
23 fees paid per semester shall be limited to ~~\$1,000~~ one thousand
24 dollars (\$1,000) per student.

25 "§31-6-12.

26 "The State Department of Veterans' Affairs is hereby
27 charged with the duty of informing the veterans and their

1 dependents in this state, through its county service
2 commissioners and all other sources at its command, of the
3 provisions of this chapter in order that those veterans and
4 their dependents may know of the benefits provided in this
5 chapter. The State Department of Veterans' Affairs shall
6 furnish and assist in preparing and producing all necessary
7 blanks, forms, and other matters necessary for the veterans,
8 their ~~wives~~ spouses, widows, or children to obtain the
9 benefits provided under this chapter. The State Service
10 Commissioner shall cause to be forwarded to the ~~state~~
11 ~~institution of higher learning, college or university, or~~
12 ~~state trade~~ state-supported school of the applicant's choice,
13 a certificate of eligibility and entitlement, or other
14 necessary proof for the veteran, his ~~wife~~ or her spouse,
15 widow, or child to obtain the benefits made available hereby.

16 "§31-6-13.

17 "The president or head of each ~~state institution of~~
18 ~~higher learning or college or university or state trade~~
19 state-supported school must inform the faculty members of each
20 respective institution of the provisions and benefits of this
21 chapter, who in turn shall inform the ~~wives~~ spouses, widows,
22 and children of veterans attending such institutions as to
23 their rights and benefits under the provisions of this
24 chapter.

25 "§31-6-15.

26 "The benefits provided in this chapter shall be paid
27 from an annual appropriation from the Education Trust Fund to

1 reimburse every ~~Alabama state institution of higher learning,~~
2 ~~college, university, or Alabama community or technical college~~
3 state-supported school in which benefits are given to
4 veterans, their ~~wives~~ spouses, widows, or children under this
5 chapter. ~~Such reimbursement~~ Reimbursement shall be made timely
6 at the end of each academic quarter or semester for all
7 tuition reimbursements for the certified invoices submitted by
8 ~~such~~ the institution or school to the State Department of
9 Veterans' Affairs, and shall be supported by names of the
10 students receiving such benefits, together with the amounts
11 claimed for each student. Any amount of in-state tuition,
12 books, or fees not paid by the combination of federal, state,
13 and third party funds may be billed to students receiving such
14 benefits or waived by the institution or school.

15 "§31-6-15.1.

16 "The State Department of Veterans Affairs shall
17 report to the Legislature, l by January 1st of each year, the
18 number of applicants approved in the previous fiscal year and
19 those approved as of the reporting date for the current fiscal
20 year, the number of students by years of remaining
21 eligibility, and the costs of the previous fiscal year's
22 expenditures to the program by each category of ~~public~~
23 ~~institution of higher learning~~ state-supported school to
24 include the number of students who attended each of those
25 ~~institutions~~ schools.

26 "§31-6-16.

1 "Nothing in this chapter shall be construed as
2 lowering the standards or requirements, or as to making any
3 exceptions thereto for entrance into any of the ~~state~~
4 state-supported schools ~~or institutions~~ affected by this
5 chapter. All applicants, in order to obtain the educational
6 benefits of this chapter, must first meet all scholastic and
7 other requirements for entrance into any of the
8 state-supported schools coming within the purview of this
9 chapter."

10 Section 2. This act shall become effective on the
11 first day of the third month following its passage and
12 approval by the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.