

No. 2014-82

AN ACT

SB 1115

Amending Title 51 (Military Affairs) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in educational assistance program, further providing for definitions and for amount of grants.

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

Section 1. Section 3201 of Title 51 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes is amended by adding a definition to read:

§ 3201. Definitions.

The following words and phrases when used in this chapter shall have the meanings given to them in this section unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

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*"Costs of attendance." Allowable educational expenses, as determined by the agency, that are consistent with the administration of the act of January 25, 1966 (1965 P.L.1546, No.541), referred to as the Higher Education Scholarship Law.*

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Section 2. Section 3205(c) of Title 51 is amended to read:

§ 3205. Amount of grants.

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**[(c) Other grants.—The agency shall not reduce the amount]**

**(c) Other grants and financial aid.—**

*(1) The agency shall not reduce the amount of other agency grants or aid for which the eligible member qualifies on account of the member's eligibility for or receipt of grants under this chapter.*

*(2) Prior to making a grant under this chapter, the approved institution of higher learning shall first consider any Federal tuition assistance received by the eligible member and then shall award a grant under this chapter if the eligible member requires additional financial aid to cover the costs of attendance for an approved program of higher education. A grant under this chapter shall be paid or refunded to the eligible member for approved costs of attendance. Grants authorized under this section shall be reduced so that the total of all Federal and State military education benefits, as administered by the Pennsylvania National Guard, do not exceed 100% of the costs of attendance.*

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Section 3. This act shall take effect in 60 days.