

SENATE COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE REPORT

Chair of Committee

February 23, 2026
Date

Committee on Education.

After consideration on the merits, the Committee recommends the following:

SB26-067 be amended as follows, and as so amended, be referred to the Committee on Appropriations with favorable recommendation:

- 1 Amend printed bill, page 2, strike lines 12 through 18 and substitute:
2 "(c) "DEPENDENT" MEANS A CHILD, INCLUDING ADOPTED CHILDREN,
3 STEPCHILDREN, FOSTER CHILDREN, A CHILD WHO WAS CLAIMED, OR AN
4 UNBORN CHILD WHO COULD BE CLAIMED AS A DEPENDENT BY A QUALIFIED
5 VETERAN ON THEIR FEDERAL INCOME TAX RETURN FOR THE MOST RECENT
6 TAX YEAR."
- 7 Page 2, line 26, after "IS" add "OR WAS".
- 8 Page 2, line 27, strike "DISABILITY" and substitute "DISABILITY;"
- 9 Page 3, strike lines 1 through 5 and substitute:
10 "(VI) IS RATED ONE-HUNDRED-PERCENT PERMANENTLY
11 SERVICE-CONNECTED DISABLED BY THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF
12 VETERANS BY EVALUATION OF THE RATING SCHEDULE, OR WAS SO RATED
13 PRIOR TO DEATH;"
- 14 Page 3, line 17, after the period add "A DEPENDENT OF A QUALIFIED
15 VETERAN IS CONSIDERED AN IN-STATE STUDENT AS SET FORTH IN SECTION
16 23-7-102 (5)".
- 17 Page 3, line 27, strike "ENROLLMENT." and substitute "ENROLLMENT, AND
18 THE WAIVER MAY NOT EXCEED ONE HUNDRED FIFTY CREDIT HOURS FOR ANY
19 ONE DEPENDENT OF A QUALIFIED VETERAN."
- 20 Page 4, after line 7 insert:
21 "(6) THE EXEMPTION FROM TUITION, FEES, AND OTHER CHARGES
22 DESCRIBED IN THIS SECTION DOES NOT APPLY IN A SEMESTER OR TERM TO A
23 DEPENDENT WHO, AT THE TIME OF REGISTRATION, IS ENTITLED TO RECEIVE

1 EDUCATION BENEFITS UNDER FEDERAL LAW THAT MUST BE USED ONLY FOR
2 THE PAYMENT OF TUITION AND FEES IF THE VALUE OF THOSE BENEFITS
3 RECEIVED IN THE SEMESTER OR OTHER TERM IS EQUAL TO OR EXCEEDS THE
4 VALUE OF THE WAIVER FOR THE SEMESTER OR OTHER TERM.

5 (7) THE WAIVER MUST ONLY BE APPLIED TO THE REMAINING
6 BALANCE OF A DEPENDENT'S TUITION AND FEE COSTS AFTER ANY OTHER
7 FINANCIAL AID, SCHOLARSHIPS, OR GRANTS HAVE BEEN APPLIED, INCLUDING
8 AFTER APPLYING EDUCATION BENEFITS THE DEPENDENT IS ENTITLED TO
9 PURSUANT TO FEDERAL LAW THAT MUST BE USED ONLY FOR THE PAYMENT
10 OF TUITION.

11 (8) THE WAIVER DOES NOT APPLY TO A DEPENDENT'S
12 POST-GRADUATE STUDIES."

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