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A bill to be entitled
An act relating to the education of children of
deceased or disabled veterans; amending s.
295.01, F.S.; extending the opportunity to
receive postsecondary educational benefits at
state expense to the dependent children of
certain dead or disabled veterans who were
Florida residents when the death or disability
occurred; decreasing the minimum required
length of the parent's residency; providing an
effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Section 295.01, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

295.01 Children of deceased or disabled veterans; education.--

(1) It is hereby declared to be the policy of the state to provide educational opportunity at state expense for dependent children either of whose parents:

(a) Was a resident of the state at the time such parent entered the Armed Forces and:

~~1.(a)~~ Died as a result of service-connected injuries, disease, or disability sustained while on active duty; or

~~2.(b)~~ Has been:

~~a.1-~~ Determined by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs or its predecessor to have a service-connected 100-percent total and permanent disability rating for compensation;

1 ~~b.2-~~ Determined to have a service-connected total and
2 permanent disability rating of 100 percent and is in receipt
3 of disability retirement pay from any branch of the United
4 States Armed Services; or

5 ~~c.3-~~ Issued a valid identification card by the
6 Department of Veterans' Affairs in accordance with s. 295.17;

7 (b) Met all Florida residency requirements at the time
8 of death or the occurrence of the disability, as described in
9 paragraph (a),

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11 when the deceased or disabled parent of such a child has been
12 a bona fide resident ~~parents of such children have been bona~~
13 ~~fide residents~~ of the state for at least 1 year immediately 5
14 ~~years next~~ preceding the death or occurrence of such
15 disability ~~their application for the benefits hereof~~, and
16 subject to the rules, restrictions, and limitations set forth
17 in this section hereof.

18 (2) ~~Sections The provisions of ss.~~ 295.03, 295.04,
19 295.05, and 1009.40 ~~shall~~ apply to the benefits provided under
20 this section.

21 (3) The State Board of Education shall adopt rules for
22 administering this section.

23 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2005.

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26 SENATE SUMMARY

27 Extends the opportunity to receive postsecondary
28 educational benefits at state expense to the dependent
29 children of certain deceased or disabled veterans who
30 were Florida residents when the death or disability
31 occurred. (Current law provides such benefits only if the
parent was a resident of this state when he or she
entered the Armed Forces.) Decreases from 5 years to 1
year the minimum required length of the parent's
residency.