

1                   A bill to be entitled  
 2           An act relating to educational opportunities for dependent  
 3           children of servicemembers or civilian personnel  
 4           classified as prisoners of war or missing in action;  
 5           amending s. 295.015, F.S.; expanding the provision of  
 6           educational opportunity at state expense for children of  
 7           servicemembers, or civilian personnel captured while  
 8           serving with the consent or authorization of the United  
 9           States Government, classified as prisoners of war or  
 10          missing in action; providing an effective date.

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

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 14           Section 1. Subsection (1) of section 295.015, Florida  
 15   Statutes, is amended to read:

16           295.015 Children of prisoners of war and persons missing  
 17   in action; education.--

18           (1) It is hereby declared to be the policy of the state to  
 19   provide educational opportunity at state expense for dependent  
 20   children either of whose parents has been ~~became~~ classified as a  
 21   ~~prisoner~~ prisoners of war or missing in action in the service of  
 22   the Armed Forces of the United States ~~during the Korean Conflict~~  
 23   ~~or during the Vietnam Era, as defined in s. 1.01(14),~~ or in the  
 24   capacity of civilian personnel captured while serving with the  
 25   consent or authorization of the United States Government. Such  
 26   educational opportunity shall be provided until such time as the  
 27   parent so classified is returned alive or the parent's remains  
 28   are recovered; provided that, in order to be eligible, the

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29 | parents of such children must have been bona fide residents of  
30 | the state for 5 years next preceding their application for the  
31 | benefits hereof and must be permanent residents of the state on  
32 | the effective date of this act.

33 |       Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2007.