

By Senator Baker

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See HB

1 A bill to be entitled

2 An act relating to educational opportunities

3 for dependent children of servicemembers or

4 civilian personnel classified as prisoners of

5 war or missing in action; amending s. 295.015,

6 F.S.; expanding the provision of educational

7 opportunity at state expense for children of

8 servicemembers, or civilian personnel captured

9 while serving with the consent or authorization

10 of the United States Government, who are

11 classified as prisoners of war or missing in

12 action; providing an effective date.

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

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

18 295.015 Children of prisoners of war and persons
19 missing in action; education.--

20 (1) It is hereby declared to be the policy of the

21 state to provide educational opportunity at state expense for

22 dependent children either of whose parents has been ~~became~~

23 classified as a prisoner ~~prisoners~~ of war or missing in action

24 in the service of the Armed Forces of the United States ~~during~~

25 ~~the Korean Conflict or during the Vietnam Era, as defined in~~

26 ~~s. 1.01(14)~~, or in the capacity of civilian personnel captured

27 while serving with the consent or authorization of the United

28 States Government. Such educational opportunity shall be

29 provided until such time as the parent so classified is

30 returned alive or the parent's remains are recovered; provided

31 that, in order to be eligible, the parents of such children

1 | must have been bona fide residents of the state for 5 years
2 | next preceding their application for the benefits hereof and
3 | must be permanent residents of the state on the effective date
4 | of this act.

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