AN ACT PROVIDING THAT CHILDREN OF WARTIME VETERANS RECEIVING A CLASS I-A, I-B, OR IV SCHOLARSHIP MAY USE THOSE FUNDS TO COVER THE COST OF SHORT-TERM WORKFORCE TRAINING COURSES LEADING TO INDUSTRY CREDENTIALS AND PUBLIC SAFETY ANSWERING POINT MODIFICATIONS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1.(a) G.S. 143B-1225(a)(1) reads as rewritten:

"(1) With respect to State educational institutions, unless expressly limited elsewhere in this Part, a scholarship shall consist of:

a. Tuition at the State educational institution.
b. A standard board allowance.
c. A standard room allowance.
d. Matriculation and other institutional fees required to be paid as a condition to remaining in the institution and pursuing the course of study selected.
e. For Class I-A, I-B, and IV scholarships, as defined by G.S. 143B-1226(b), the cost of short-term workforce training courses leading to industry credentials."

SECTION 1.(b) G.S. 143B-1226(b)(2) reads as rewritten:

"(2) Class I-B: Under this class a limited scholarship providing only those benefits set forth in G.S. 143B-1225(a)(1)a. and d. G.S. 143B-1225(a)(1)a., d., and e., and G.S. 143B-1225(a)(2) shall be awarded to any child whose veteran parent, at the time the benefits pursuant to this Part are sought to be availed of, is or was at the time of his death receiving compensation for a wartime service-connected disability of one hundred percent (100%) as rated by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs. Provided, that if the veteran parent of a recipient under this class should die of his wartime service-connected condition before the recipient shall have utilized all of his scholarship eligibility time, then the North Carolina Department of Military and Veterans Affairs shall amend the recipient's award from Class I-B to Class I-A for the remainder of the recipient's eligibility time. The effective date of such an amended award shall be determined by the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs but, in no event shall it predate the date of the veteran parent's death."

SECTION 2.(a) If House Bill 217, 2019 Regular Session, becomes law, G.S. 143B-1400(25a), as enacted by that act, reads as rewritten:

"(25a) Regional PSAP. – Any of the following:

(1) A primary PSAP operated by or on behalf of two or more counties and any number of municipalities, approved by the Board, for 911 call taking.
(2) A PSAP operated by any combination of a county or city and a major military installation, as defined in G.S. 143-215.115, if operated subject to an intergovernmental support agreement under 10 U.S. Code Section 2679."

SECTION 2.(b) This section becomes effective when it becomes law, and applies to distributions for the 2019-2020 fiscal year and subsequent fiscal years.

SECTION 2.5.(a) If House Bill 217, 2019 Regular Session, does not become law, G.S. 143B-1406 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

"(h) Application to Major Military Installations. – If a PSAP is a party to an intergovernmental support agreement under 10 U.S. Code Section 2679 which includes a PSAP operated by a major military installation, as defined in G.S. 143-215.115, the 911 Board shall treat the population of the major military installation as part of the population of the PSAP and shall treat the intergovernmental support agreement under 10 U.S. Code Section 2679 as an interlocal agreement under sub-subdivision (a)(3)e. of this section for purposes of the funding formula under subdivision (a)(3) of this section."

SECTION 2.5.(b) This section becomes effective when it becomes law and applies to distributions for the 2019-2020 fiscal year and subsequent fiscal years.

SECTION 3. Except as otherwise provided, this act is effective when it becomes law. Section 1 applies to scholarships awarded beginning with the 2019-2020 academic year.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 27th day of August, 2019.

s/ Bill Rabon
Presiding Officer of the Senate

s/ Tim Moore
Speaker of the House of Representatives

s/ Roy Cooper
Governor

Approved 4:58 p.m. this 4th day of September, 2019