

1983 Assembly Bill 462

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AN ACT to amend 45.396 of the statutes, relating to the department of veterans affairs.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. 45.396 of the statutes is amended to read:

45.396 Correspondence courses and part-time classroom study. Any veteran upon the completion of any correspondence courses or part-time classroom study from the university of Wisconsin system, from any other institution of higher education located in this state which is accredited by the north central association of colleges and secondary schools or from any vocational, technical and adult educational school receiving aids from the board of vocational, technical and adult education or from any public or private high school, taken upon authorization of the department of veterans affairs, may be reimbursed in whole or in part for the cost of such courses, including necessary text-

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books, by the department upon presentation to the department of a certificate from the school indicating that the veteran has completed the courses and stating the cost of such courses and necessary textbooks. Benefits granted under this section shall be paid out of the appropriation under s. 20.485 (2) (vm). Enrolled part-time classroom study or direct correspondence courses from a qualified educational institution may be authorized and the veteran reimbursed in whole or in part by the department when such courses are related to one's occupational, professional or educational objectives, and to the extent that payment or reimbursement is not available from any other sources, or, in cases where reimbursement is not specifically for fees and textbooks, to the extent that such reimbursement is insufficient to cover all educational costs. Such reimbursement may not exceed the cost of tuition, fees and textbooks. Part-time study during a regular college semester, trimester or quarter shall be defined as enrollment by a graduate student in courses for which no more than 8 semester or the equivalent trimester or quarter credits will be given upon satisfactory completion, or enrollment by an undergraduate student in courses for which no more than 11 semester or the equivalent trimester or quarter credits will be given upon satisfactory completion. ~~Part-time study~~ Study during a summer semester or session shall be ~~defined as study considered to be part-time by the educational institution being attended~~ study for purposes of this section. Any veteran or eligible dependent who has obtained a master's degree or its equivalent shall not be eligible for grants under this section. Any veteran or eligible dependent who has obtained at least a baccalaureate degree or its equivalent but not a master's degree or its equivalent shall not be eligible for grants offered under this section if he or she has remaining federal veterans administration education benefits. However, any veteran or eligible dependent who has obtained at least a baccalaureate degree or its equivalent and who has remaining federal veterans administration education benefits or who has obtained a master's degree or its equivalent may be reimbursed in whole or in part for the cost of courses in which such person was enrolled before July 31, 1975, where applications for the reimbursement of the cost of such courses were received by the department before July 31, 1975, and, in the case of enrolled part-time classroom study courses, where such courses were satisfactorily completed on or before August 31, 1975. For the purpose of this section any student who has received a baccalaureate degree shall be deemed to be a graduate student whether he or she is taking graduate or undergraduate courses.
