

HB 483 -- Missouri National Guard and Missouri Reservists Family Education Grant

Sponsor: Smith (14)

This bill establishes the Missouri National Guard and Missouri Reservists Family Education Grant, administered by the Coordinating Board for Higher Education, to provide educational assistance to children and spouses of guard members or reservists who served on Title 10 active-duty status between September 11, 2001, and January 1, 2015. The military active-duty status of the guard member or reservist must be certified by specified military or veteran officials, and children must meet financial guidelines established by the coordinating board. Spouses are eligible if the member or reservist was killed or injured to an extent specified in program guidelines. Children are eligible until they reach 25 years of age. The grants are for certificate or degree programs at public post-secondary and higher education institutions for the cost of tuition, up to \$2,000 for room and board, and up to \$500 for books each semester. No recipient will receive more than 100% of tuition and book costs when combined with other aid funds. Recipients may transfer to other public institutions if they are academically eligible for the degree or certificate program.

The provisions of the bill will expire six years from the effective date.