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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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SANCHEZ, VENKAT, WARREN AND CIRESI, MARCH 3, 2025

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AN ACT

1 Amending Title 51 (Military Affairs) of the Pennsylvania  
2 Consolidated Statutes, in educational gratuity program,  
3 further providing for eligibility and qualification  
4 requirements.

5 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
6 hereby enacts as follows:

7 Section 1. Section 8703(a) of Title 51 of the Pennsylvania  
8 Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:

9 § 8703. Eligibility and qualification requirements.

10 (a) Eligibility standards.--The following requirements shall  
11 be used to determine the eligibility of applicants for  
12 educational gratuity payments. The applicant shall be:

13 (1) Not less than 16 years of age nor more than 23 years  
14 of age.

15 (2) The child of an eligible disabled or deceased  
16 veteran.

17 (3) A resident of this Commonwealth for a period of  
18 [five years] one year immediately preceding the date the  
19 application was filed.

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2 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.