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HOUSE BILL NO. 1083

Introduced by: Representatives Nelson (Stace), Carson, Hansen (Jon), Hoffman, Hubbel, Jensen, Kloucek, Liss, Magstadt, Miller, Olson (Betty), Romkema, Sly, Solum, Steele, Tornow, and Verchio and Senators Nygaard, Lederman, Maher, Rave, Rhoden, and Tieszen

1 FOR AN ACT ENTITLED, An Act to revise certain state education benefits for veterans.

2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA:

3 Section 1. That § 13-55-2 be amended to read as follows:

4 13-55-2. Any person residing in this state who is a veteran as defined by §§ 33-17-1 and 33-
5 17-2 or who performed active war service, such as nursing or assisting in the care of soldiers
6 and sailors in any government hospital, field, or camp, as a member of the Red Cross or any
7 other similar organization engaged in war relief work which has been recognized and approved
8 by the government of the United States, during any of the periods or combat operations specified
9 in § 33-17-2, upon compliance with all the requirements for admission and after qualifying for
10 resident tuition, may attend and pursue any ~~undergraduate~~ course in any state educational
11 institution under the control and management of the Board of Regents or any program of study
12 approved by the State Board of Education at a state postsecondary vocational education
13 institution without the payment of charges for tuition for each month of qualified service or
14 major fraction ~~thereof~~ of a month in academic time. However, no eligible veteran is entitled to



1 less than one nor more than four academic years of free tuition pursuant to this section.
2 Residence at the time of entry into military service or active war service does not affect
3 eligibility for the entitlement created in this section. Any person who qualifies under § 33-17-2
4 as a veteran based solely on a service-connected disability may receive free tuition under this
5 section only if the veterans administration disability rating is ten percent or greater.

6 Section 2. That § 13-55-5 be amended to read as follows:

7 13-55-5. ~~It shall be the duty of the~~ The Board of Regents to and the presidents of the
8 respective postsecondary vocational education institutions shall determine who are whether a
9 person is entitled to the benefits of § 13-55-2. Adverse determinations may be appealed to the
10 South Dakota Veterans Commission and may be overturned by a majority vote of commission
11 members.