

**SB0294**



**104TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**State of Illinois**

**2025 and 2026**

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Introduced 1/24/2025, by Sen. Jil Tracy

**SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:**

110 ILCS 305/9

from Ch. 144, par. 30

Amends the University of Illinois Act. Provides that a county is entitled to a scholarship in the University of Illinois for the benefit of the children of persons who served in the armed forces of the United States any time on or after August 2, 1990 and until Congress or the President orders that persons in service are no longer eligible for the Kosovo Campaign Medal or the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal.

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**A BILL FOR**

1 AN ACT concerning education.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**  
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The University of Illinois Act is amended by  
5 changing Section 9 as follows:

6 (110 ILCS 305/9) (from Ch. 144, par. 30)

7 Sec. 9. Scholarships for children of veterans. For each of  
8 the following periods of hostilities, each county shall be  
9 entitled, annually, to one honorary scholarship in the  
10 University, for the benefit of the children of persons who  
11 served in the armed forces of the United States, except that  
12 the total number of scholarships annually granted to  
13 recipients from each county may not exceed 3: any time between  
14 September 16, 1940 and the termination of World War II, any  
15 time during the national emergency between June 25, 1950 and  
16 January 31, 1955, any time during the Viet Nam conflict  
17 between January 1, 1961 and May 7, 1975, any time during the  
18 siege of Beirut and the Grenada Conflict between June 14, 1982  
19 and December 15, 1983, or any time on or after August 2, 1990  
20 and until Congress or the President orders that persons in  
21 service are no longer eligible for the Southwest Asia Service  
22 Medal, the Kosovo Campaign Medal, or the Armed Forces  
23 Expeditionary Medal, Operation Enduring Freedom, and Operation

1 Iraqi Freedom. Preference for scholarships shall be given to  
2 the children of persons who are deceased or to the children of  
3 persons who have a disability. Such scholarships shall be  
4 granted to such pupils as shall, upon public examination,  
5 conducted as the board of trustees of the University may  
6 determine, be decided to have attained the greatest  
7 proficiency in the branches of learning usually taught in the  
8 secondary schools, and who shall be of good moral character,  
9 and not less than 15 years of age. Such pupils, so selected,  
10 shall be entitled to receive, without charge for tuition,  
11 instruction in any or all departments of the University for a  
12 term of at least 4 consecutive years. Such pupils shall  
13 conform, in all respects, to the rules and regulations of the  
14 University, established for the government of the pupils in  
15 attendance.

16 (Source: P.A. 99-143, eff. 7-27-15; 99-377, eff. 8-17-15;  
17 99-642, eff. 7-28-16.)