

S.B. 0035

VETERANS TUITION GAP PROGRAM ACT AMENDMENTS

Senator **Luz Escamilla** proposes the following amendments:

1. *Page 2, Lines 47 through 54:*

47 (2) "Institution of higher education" or "institution" means [a]:
48 [(a) credit-granting higher education institution within the state system of higher
49 education; or]
50 [(b) an institution of higher learning, as defined in the federal program, that is located
51 in the state.]
52 (a) an institution of higher education listed in Subsection 53B-2-101(1); or
53 (b) a private, nonprofit, postsecondary institution {headquartered} located in Utah that is
54 accredited by a regional accrediting organization {that the board recognizes} recognized by the
United States Department of Education .

2. *Page 2, Line 56 through Page 3, Line 66:*

56 (4) (a) "Qualifying military veteran" means a veteran, as defined in Section 68-3-12.5,
57 who:
58 (i) is a resident student under Section 53B-8-102 and rules of the board;
59 (ii) is accepted into an institution and enrolled in a program leading to a bachelor's
60 degree;
61 [(iii) has qualified for the federal program;]
62 [(iv)] (iii) (A) has [maximized] exhausted the federal benefit under [the] a federal
63 program; or
64 (B) demonstrates that the veteran {does not qualify} no longer qualifies to receive federal
benefits under any
65 federal program; and
66 [(v)] (iv) has not completed a bachelor's degree.

3. *Page 3, Lines 70 through 74:*

70 There is established a Veterans Tuition Gap Program to serve qualifying military
71 veterans with tuition assistance at institutions of higher education when:
72 (1) federal benefits under the federal program [are no longer] have been exhausted or
73 are not available; and
74 (2) a qualifying military veteran has not finished a bachelor's degree and is in the final year of a
bachelor's degree program .

