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A BILL

To enact section 3333.421 of the Revised Code to	1
authorize institutions of higher education to	2
establish Ohio Hidden Hero Scholarship Programs.	3

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1. That section 3333.421 of the Revised Code be	4
enacted to read as follows:	5
Sec. 3333.421. (A) As used in this section:	6
(1) "Eligible caregiver" means an individual who is	7
enrolled as a family caregiver under the "Program of	8
Comprehensive Assistance for Family Caregivers," 38 U.S.C. 1720G	9
and who provides care to a veteran, as defined in section	10
3333.31 of the Revised Code, who has a one hundred per cent	11
service-connected disability.	12
(2) "Institution of higher education" has the same meaning	13

as in section 3345.19 of the Revised Code. 14

(B) Each institution of higher education may establish an 15
Ohio hidden hero scholarship program. Under the program, an 16
institution shall accept applications to participate in the 17
program from eligible caregivers who enroll in the institution. 18
In each academic year in which an institution receives 19
applications to participate in the program, the institution may 20
approve one or more eligible caregivers to participate for that 21
year. For each approved participant, the institution shall do 22
all of the following: 23

(1) For each academic year in which the participant is 24
enrolled, waive any instructional and general fees remaining for 25
the participant after all other financial aid for which the 26
participant qualifies has been applied to the participant's 27
account, as determined by the institution; 28

(2) Provide the participant with a stipend, in an amount 29
determined by the institution, to purchase textbooks in each 30
academic year in which the participant is enrolled; 31

(3) Provide assistance to the participant to ensure that 32
any college credits earned by the participant while enrolled in 33
the institution may be transferred to another institution of 34
higher education; 35

(4) Provide the participant with an opportunity to earn 36
college credits for which the participant qualifies, as 37
determined by the institution, based on the participant's 38
caregiver experience. 39

(C) The chancellor of higher education shall establish 40
guidelines and procedures for programs established under this 41
section including an application form and an application 42

deadline. Under the application, the chancellor shall require an 43

applicant to provide a letter of eligibility from the United 44

States department of veterans affairs. Not later than ninety 45

days after the effective date of this section, the chancellor 46

shall establish a web site regarding programs established under 47

this section, which shall include a list of each institution 48

that has established a program. 49