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## 1995 ASSEMBLY BILL 156

February 24, 1995 – Introduced by Representatives Musser, Zukowski, Seratti, Owens, Albers, Turner, Baldus, Grobschmidt, Nass, Dobyns, Coleman, Schneiders, Hasenohrl, Lorge, Travis and Brandemuehl, cosponsored by Senators Zien, Andrea, Fitzgerald and Schultz. Referred to Committee on Veterans and Military Affairs.

1 AN ACT to amend 45.396 (7) (a) (intro.) and 45.396 (7) (b) of the statutes; relating

**to:** income eligibility for the veterans correspondence courses and part-time classroom study program.

## Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, a veteran may be eligible to receive a grant from the department of veterans affairs to pay for the cost of a correspondence course or for part-time classroom study if the income of the veteran and his or her spouse is less than the statutory maximum. As of July 1, 1994, that maximum is \$47,500 plus \$500 for each dependent in excess of 2. Under this bill, only the income of the veteran is used when determining eligibility for a grant.

For further information see the *state* fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

## The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

**SECTION 1.** 45.396 (7) (a) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

45.396 (7) (a) (intro.) No veteran may receive a grant under this section if the department determines, after disregarding any payment described under s. 45.85, that the income of the veteran and his or her spouse exceeds \$500 for each dependent in excess of 2 dependents plus whichever of the following applies:

**Section 2.** 45.396 (7) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

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45.396 (7) (b) In determining eligibility for grants under this section, the department shall verify all reported income amounts by contacting the employer designated by the veteran or spouse, securing a copy of their the veteran's prior year's income tax returns return or obtaining a profit and loss statement from the veteran for at least 6 of the 12 months immediately preceding the loan application date. The income of the veteran's spouse shall not be considered when determining eligibility for a grant under this section.

## SECTION 3. Initial applicability.

(1) This act first applies to applications for a grant for reimbursement of the costs of a correspondence course or part-time classroom study submitted to the department of veterans affairs on the effective date of this subsection.

12 (END)