

**SB 5280-S - DIGEST**

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Creates a postsecondary education grant program, known as the dollars for military scholars program.

Declares that, to be eligible for a postsecondary education grant under this act, an applicant must: (1) Be a: (a) veteran who is a resident of Washington who is on active military or national guard duty, or the spouse or dependent of the veteran; or (b) veteran who is on active military or national guard duty stationed in the state, or the spouse or dependent of the veteran;

(2) Be applying for a two or four-year institution of higher education or a vocational or technical school degree or certification program in Washington;

(3) Demonstrate a financial need as the grants are need-based; and

(4) Recognize that extra evaluative points will be awarded for those working toward math, science, engineering, or non-English language studies.

Provides that need-based, postsecondary scholarship grants in amounts of between one thousand and five thousand dollars each shall be made available to persons who meet the eligibility requirements of this act.