

Florida Department of Education

Bill Number: Senate Bill 412

Bill Title: Education/Children of POWs or MIAs

Bill Sponsor: Committee on Military Affairs and Domestic Security and Senator Wise

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Executive Summary:

This act extends to the present time the educational benefits provided to dependent children of Florida residents who have been declared prisoners of war or missing in action while serving in the armed services or in the capacity of civilian personnel captured while serving with the consent or authorization of the United States Government. Current law restricts the benefits to children of those serving during the Korean Conflict or Vietnam era. The parent must have been a resident of the state for 1 year preceding the event that led to the parent's classification as a prisoner of war or missing in action.