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Proposed Committee Substitute by the Committee on Appropriations
(Appropriations Subcommittee on Education)

A bill to be entitled

An act relating to waivers of out-of-state fees for veterans; amending s. 1009.26, F.S.; providing a short title; establishing the Congressman C. W. Bill Young Veteran Tuition Waiver Program; requiring a state university, a Florida College System institution, a career center operated by a school district, or a charter technical career center to waive out-of-state fees for certain veterans of the Armed Forces of the United States, including the National Guard and reserve components thereof; providing applicability; requiring a state university, a Florida College System institution, a career center operated by a school district, and a charter technical career center to report to the Board of Governors and the State Board of Education, respectively, the number and value of all fee waivers; providing an effective date.

WHEREAS, Charles William (Bill) Young, born in 1930, was raised in humble surroundings and was later elected to the United States House of Representatives by the electors of the Thirteenth Congressional District of Florida, and

WHEREAS, after Congressman Young completed his 22nd term in the United States House of Representatives, he became the longest serving Republican member at the time of his death on October 18, 2013, and

WHEREAS, as a husband, father, laborer, businessman, and



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28 United States Army Reservist, Congressman Young was the
29 embodiment of a distinguished gentleman and statesman who was
30 noted for his unflappable civility, and

31 WHEREAS, Congressman Young was instrumental in safeguarding
32 from decommission the MacDill Air Force Base in Florida, now
33 home to the United States Central Command and the United States
34 Special Operations Command, during the Federal Government's
35 efforts to reduce the number of Air Force bases, and

36 WHEREAS, Congressman Young is credited with the substantial
37 growth of one of this nation's largest veteran's hospitals
38 located in Saint Petersburg, Florida, which now bears his name,
39 and

40 WHEREAS, Congressman Young's most gratifying
41 accomplishment, realized in conjunction with the United States
42 Navy, was establishing a national registry for bone marrow
43 donors which is credited with saving tens of thousands of lives,
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45 WHEREAS, adoption of this act, which is cited as the
46 "Congressman C. W. Bill Young Veteran Tuition Waiver Act"
47 exemplifies and honors Congressman Young for his unwavering,
48 lifelong support of the Armed Forces of the United States and
49 the brave military men and women who serve this nation and stand
50 in defense of liberty, NOW, THEREFORE,

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52 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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54 Section 1. This act is cited as the "Congressman C. W. Bill
55 Young Veteran Tuition Waiver Act."

56 Section 2. Subsection (12) is added to section 1009.26,



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57 Florida Statutes, to read:

58 (12) There is established the Congressman C. W. Bill Young
59 Veteran Tuition Waiver Program. A state university, a Florida
60 College System institution, a career center operated by a school
61 district under s. 1001.44, or a charter technical career center
62 shall waive out-of-state fees for an honorably discharged
63 veteran of the Armed Forces of the United States, including the
64 National Guard and reserve components thereof, who physically
65 resides in this state while enrolled in the institution. Tuition
66 and fees charged to a veteran who qualifies for the out-of-state
67 fee waiver under this subsection may not exceed the tuition and
68 fees charged to a resident student. The waiver is applicable for
69 110 percent of the required credit hours of the degree or
70 certificate program for which the student is enrolled. Each
71 state university, Florida College System institution, career
72 center operated by a school district under s. 1001.44, and
73 charter technical career center shall report to the Board of
74 Governors and the State Board of Education, respectively, the
75 number and value of all fee waivers granted annually under this
76 subsection.

77 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2014.