

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to scholarships for military personnel;
 3 amending s. 1009.534, F.S.; providing eligibility
 4 requirements for a member of Florida's military who served
 5 in the War in Afghanistan or the War in Iraq to receive a
 6 Florida Academic Scholars award; providing an effective
 7 date.

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

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 11 Section 1. Subsection (5) is added to section 1009.534,
 12 Florida Statutes, to read:

13 1009.534 Florida Academic Scholars award.--

14 (5) Notwithstanding the provisions of s. 1009.531 and this
 15 section, a member of Florida's military who has served in the
 16 War in Afghanistan or the War in Iraq is eligible for a Florida
 17 Academic Scholars award if he or she meets the following
 18 requirements:

19 (a) Has lived in the state for 2 years prior to serving in
 20 Afghanistan or Iraq.

21 (b) Has received a high school diploma or its equivalent
 22 provided that this requirement is not restricted to a high
 23 school diploma or its equivalent awarded in Florida.

24 (c) Has not received a dishonorable discharge from the
 25 military.

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 27 For purposes of determining initial eligibility for a Florida
 28 Academic Scholars award, there is no grade point average

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29 | requirement. However, to be eligible for a renewal award as a
30 | Florida Academic Scholar, a student must maintain the grade
31 | point average specified in subsection (3).

32 | Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2005.