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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to scholarships for military personnel; amending s. 1009.534, F.S.; providing eligibility requirements for a member of Florida's military who served in the War in Afghanistan or the War in Iraq to receive a Florida Academic Scholars award; providing an effective date.

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

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

1009.534 Florida Academic Scholars award.--

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

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

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

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

For purposes of determining initial eligibility for a Florida Academic Scholars award, there is no grade point average requirement. However, to be eligible for a renewal award as a

1 Florida Academic Scholar, a student must maintain the grade  
2 point average specified in subsection (3).

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