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2 An act relating to tuition waivers; amending s.  
3 1009.26, F.S.; requiring state universities and  
4 community colleges to waive tuition for a  
5 recipient of a Purple Heart or other combat  
6 decoration superior in precedence who fulfills  
7 specified criteria; providing a percentage cap  
8 on the number of required credit hours for  
9 which a tuition waiver may be received;  
10 providing an effective date.  
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12 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:  
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14 Section 1. Subsection (9) is added to section 1009.26,  
15 Florida Statutes, to read:

16 1009.26 Fee waivers.--

17 (9) A state university or community college shall  
18 waive undergraduate tuition for each recipient of a Purple  
19 Heart or another combat decoration superior in precedence who:

20 (a) Is enrolled as a full-time, part-time, or  
21 summer-school student in an undergraduate program that  
22 terminates in a degree or certificate;

23 (b) Is currently, and was at the time of the military  
24 action that resulted in the awarding of the Purple Heart or  
25 other combat decoration superior in precedence, a resident of  
26 this state; and

27 (c) Submits to the state university or the community  
28 college the DD-214 form issued at the time of separation from  
29 service as documentation that the student has received a  
30 Purple Heart or another combat decoration superior in  
31 precedence.

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Such a waiver for a Purple Heart recipient or recipient of another combat decoration superior in precedence shall be applicable for 110 percent of the number of required credit hours of the degree or certificate program for which the student is enrolled.

Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2006.