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1 The Education Appropriations Committee recommends the following:

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3 **Council/Committee Substitute**

4 Remove the entire bill and insert:

5 A bill to be entitled

6 An act relating to tuition waivers; amending s. 1009.26,
7 F.S.; requiring state universities and community colleges
8 to waive tuition for a recipient of a Purple Heart or
9 other combat decoration superior in precedence who
10 fulfills specified criteria; providing a percentage cap on
11 the number of required credit hours for which a tuition
12 waiver may be received; providing an effective date.

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

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16 Section 1. Subsection (9) is added to section 1009.26,
17 Florida Statutes, to read:

18 1009.26 Fee waivers.--

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

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

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

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

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

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