

By Senator Crist

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to tuition waivers; providing a short
3 title; amending s. 1009.26, F.S.; requiring state
4 universities and community colleges to waive a percentage
5 of the in-state tuition rate for veterans who meet
6 specified criteria; providing a percentage cap on the
7 number of required credit hours for which a tuition waiver
8 may be received; providing an effective date.

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

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12 Section 1. This act may be cited as the "Veterans' Tuition
13 Assistance Act."

14 Section 2. Subsection (11) is added to section 1009.26,
15 Florida Statutes, to read:

16 1009.26 Fee waivers.--

17 (11) A state university or community college shall waive 50
18 percent of the in-state tuition rate for a person who:

19 (a) Is a wartime veteran as defined in s. 1.01(14);

20 (b) Received an honorable discharge;

21 (c) Is enrolled as a full-time, part-time, or summer-school
22 student in any vocational or career education course or
23 undergraduate program that terminates in a degree or certificate;

24 (d) Is a resident of this state at the time he or she
25 applies for the waiver and was a resident of this state for 1
26 year prior to such application; and

27 (e) Submits to the state university or the community
28 college the DD-214 form issued at the time of separation from
29 service or military orders or other documentation issued

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30 regarding return from active duty as defined in s. 250.01.

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32 Such a waiver applies to 110 percent of the number of required
33 credit hours of the degree or certificate program for which the
34 student is enrolled.

35 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2008.