

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.

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

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
 18 50 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-
 22 school student in any vocational or career education course or
 23 undergraduate program that terminates in a degree or
 24 certificate;

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

28 (e) Submits to the state university or the community

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29 college the DD-214 form issued at the time of separation from
30 service or military orders or other documentation issued
31 regarding return from active duty as defined in s. 250.01(1).

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33 Such a waiver shall be applicable for 110 percent of the number
34 of required credit hours of the degree or certificate program
35 for which the student is enrolled.

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