

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
5 percentage of the in-state tuition rate for veterans
6 who meet specified criteria; providing a percentage
7 cap on the number of required credit hours for which a
8 tuition waiver may be received; providing an effective
9 date.

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

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

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

17 1009.26 Fee waivers.—

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

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

21 (b) Received an honorable discharge;

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

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

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

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

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

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Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2009.