

1 A bill to be entitled

2 An act relating to resident status for tuition  
3 purposes; amending s. 1009.21, F.S.; revising criteria  
4 relating to the classification of active duty members  
5 of the Armed Services of the United States, and their  
6 spouses and dependent children, as residents for  
7 tuition purposes; classifying veterans of the Armed  
8 Services of the United States, and their spouses and  
9 dependent children, as residents for tuition purposes  
10 under certain circumstances; providing an effective  
11 date.

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

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15 Section 1. Paragraphs (a) and (b) of subsection (10) of  
16 section 1009.21, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

17 1009.21 Determination of resident status for tuition  
18 purposes.—Students shall be classified as residents or  
19 nonresidents for the purpose of assessing tuition in  
20 postsecondary educational programs offered by charter technical  
21 career centers or career centers operated by school districts,  
22 in Florida College System institutions, and in state  
23 universities.

24 (10) The following persons shall be classified as  
25 residents for tuition purposes:

26 (a) Active duty members of the Armed Services of the

27 United States ~~residing or stationed in this state,~~ and their  
28 spouses~~,~~ and dependent children, and active drilling members of  
29 the Florida National Guard.

30 (b) Veterans ~~Active duty members~~ of the Armed Services of  
31 the United States, and their spouses and dependent children, who  
32 initially apply to an institution of higher education within 4  
33 years after the servicemember's honorable discharge from the  
34 Armed Services of the United States ~~dependents attending a~~  
35 ~~Florida College System institution or state university within 50~~  
36 ~~miles of the military establishment where they are stationed, if~~  
37 ~~such military establishment is within a county contiguous to~~  
38 ~~Florida.~~

39 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2015.