

By Senator Sachs

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1                   A bill to be entitled  
2       An act relating to veterans' tuition fee waivers;  
3       amending s. 1009.26, F.S.; revising the persons  
4       eligible to receive a waiver for out-of-state tuition  
5       fees to include a spouse or child eligible for  
6       veterans' education benefits by the United States  
7       Department of Veterans Affairs or the Marine Gunnery  
8       Sergeant John David Fry Scholarship; providing an  
9       effective date.

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

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13       Section 1. Paragraph (a) of subsection (13) of section  
14       1009.26, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

15       1009.26 Fee waivers.—

16       (13) (a) There is established the Congressman C. W. "Bill"  
17       Young Veteran Tuition Waiver Program. A state university,  
18       Florida College System institution, career center operated by a  
19       school district under s. 1001.44, or charter technical career  
20       center shall waive out-of-state fees for an honorably discharged  
21       veteran of the United States Armed Forces, the United States  
22       Reserve Forces, ~~or~~ the National Guard, or a spouse or child  
23       using United States Department of Veterans Affairs educational  
24       benefits transferred from the veteran, or a spouse or child  
25       using benefits under the Marine Gunnery Sergeant John David Fry  
26       Scholarship, who physically resides in this state while enrolled  
27       in the institution. Tuition and fees charged to a student  
28       ~~veteran~~ who qualifies for the out-of-state fee waiver under this  
29       subsection may not exceed the tuition and fees charged to a

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30 resident student. The waiver is applicable for 110 percent of  
31 the required credit hours of the degree or certificate program  
32 for which the student is enrolled. Each state university,  
33 Florida College System institution, career center operated by a  
34 school district under s. 1001.44, and charter technical career  
35 center shall report to the Board of Governors and the State  
36 Board of Education, respectively, the number and value of all  
37 fee waivers granted annually under this subsection.

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