

CS for EHB 1492

1 THE STATE SENATE
2 Wednesday, April 13, 2005

3 Committee Substitute for
4 ENGROSSED
5 House Bill No. 1492

6 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1492 - By: MORGAN
7 (Fred), WESSELHOFT, DUNCAN and NANCE of the House and PADDACK and
8 CORN of the Senate.

9 [higher education - waiver of tuition - Oklahoma National
10 Guard - effective date -
11 emergency]

12 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
13 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 2283 of Title 70, unless there
14 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

15 A. Subject to the availability of funds, a student who is a
16 member of the Oklahoma National Guard shall be eligible for a full
17 resident tuition waiver, provided the student:

18 1. Is a member of the Oklahoma National Guard at the beginning
19 of the semester for which the student is applying for the waiver or
20 by the waiver application deadline, as determined by the
21 institution;

22 2. Has been certified as a member in good standing by the
23 Adjutant General of the Oklahoma National Guard;

24 3. Does not currently hold a baccalaureate or graduate degree;
25 and

1 4. Meets all admission and retention requirements of an
2 institution in The Oklahoma State System of Higher Education.

3 B. A student meeting all of the eligibility requirements as set
4 forth in subsection A of this section shall be awarded a full
5 resident tuition waiver, provided the student is enrolled in a:

6 1. Program of study leading to an associate degree or a
7 baccalaureate degree;

8 2. Minimum of six (6) hours in the fall or spring semester or a
9 minimum of three (3) hours in the summer term. The student may meet
10 this minimum enrollment requirement either at a single institution
11 or more than one institution in The Oklahoma State System of Higher
12 Education; and

13 3. Has submitted a plan of completion of a degree with the
14 Oklahoma National Guard.

15 C. The waiver of resident tuition provided for in this section
16 shall cover resident tuition for all courses for which resident
17 tuition is charged. The student shall be responsible for all other
18 fees that may be charged.

19 D. The waiver of resident tuition provided for in this section
20 shall not be awarded for programs leading to a certificate,
21 continuing education courses, or career technology courses which are
22 not counted towards a degree program at another institution. The

1 tuition waiver shall not apply to professional programs which do not
2 require an earned degree.

3 E. A student may receive a resident tuition waiver as provided
4 for in this section for a maximum of eighteen (18) semester credit
5 hours each semester, for up to six (6) years from the date of first
6 application.

7 F. Concurrently enrolled high school students shall not be
8 eligible for the tuition waiver as provided for in this section.

9 G. The Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education shall
10 promulgate rules to implement the provisions of this section,
11 including establishing responsibilities of the institutions and the
12 Oklahoma National Guard, providing for the allocation of funding,
13 and setting requirements that the student submit certain documents
14 confirming eligibility and status in the Oklahoma National Guard
15 with the institutions.

16 SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
17 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 2284 of Title 70, unless there
18 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

19 Subject to the availability of funds, within The Oklahoma State
20 System of Higher Education, no resident or nonresident tuition shall
21 be charged to children of an Oklahoma resident killed while
22 mobilized by any branch of the military in support of Operation
23 Global War on Terror. The waiver of resident tuition and

1 nonresident tuition shall be limited to a period of five (5) years.

2 The military campaign Operation Global War on Terror shall include

3 any of the following military operations:

4 1. Enduring Freedom;

5 2. Iraqi Freedom;

6 3. Noble Eagle;

7 4. Winter Freeze;

8 5. Joint Forge;

9 6. Joint Guardian;

10 7. Southern Watch; and

11 8. Desert Spring.

12 SECTION 3. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
13 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 2285 of Title 70, unless there
14 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

15 If a student is called to active military service during a term
16 in which the student has not completed an amount of work sufficient
17 to receive a grade, an institution within The Oklahoma State System
18 of Higher Education shall, at the option of the student, refund the
19 tuition and fees paid by the student for the current term or the
20 institution shall waive the amount of tuition and fees paid from the
21 amount owed for tuition and fees for a future term following the
22 tour of duty of the student.

23 SECTION 4. This act shall become effective July 1, 2005.

1 SECTION 5. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
2 of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby
3 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and
4 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.
5 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS, dated 4-6-05 - DO
6 PASS, As Amended and Coauthored.