

BILL SUMMARY

MEASURE: HB 2658

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SUBJECT: Higher Education – Tuition Waivers

PROVISIONS: Section 1: NEW LAW. The committee sub for HB 2658 provides for a full resident tuition waiver at any institution within the Oklahoma State System of Higher Education for students who are a recipient of the Medal of Honor, Distinguished Service Cross, Navy Cross, Air Force Cross, Silver Star, Bronze Star, Purple Heart, or Prisoner of War Medal and a veteran who receives 20% or more of disability as a result of service in the Armed Forces. The student must be:

- Discharged from the Armed Forces of the U.S. under conditions other than dishonorable discharge.
- A bona fide resident of Oklahoma 1 year before entrance into service and a bona fide resident of Oklahoma immediately following discharge from the service.
- Able to meet all of the admission and retention requirements of an institution in the Oklahoma State System of Higher Education.
- Enrolled in a program of study leading to an associate or baccalaureate degree and has not previously completed a baccalaureate degree.
- Enrolled in a full-time or part-time program of study.

Section 2: NEW LAW. The measure also provides for tuition and fee refunds for students who are members of the Oklahoma Army and Air National Guard, a reserve of one of the five branches of the Armed Forces, or active duty service member stationed in Oklahoma who are required to leave school as a result of involuntary orders for deployment.

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