

1 ENGROSSED HOUSE
2 BILL NO. 2689

By: Joyner, Banz, Pittman,
3 Roberts (Dustin), Roan,
4 Hoskin and Walker of the
5 House

and

6 Ellis of the Senate
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8 An Act relating to higher education; making students
9 who are dependents of certain military personnel
10 eligible for in-state residency status; specifying
11 eligibility criteria for resident tuition; providing
12 for continuation of in-state status under certain
13 conditions; providing for continuation of in-state
14 status upon discharge; providing definition;
15 providing for codification; providing an effective
16 date; and declaring an emergency.

17 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

18 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
19 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 3247 of Title 70, unless there
20 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

21 A. A student shall be eligible for in-state status regardless
22 of the residency of the student if the student is the dependent
23 child of a:

24 1. Person currently serving as a member of the active uniformed
military services of the United States on full-time active duty

1 status of more than thirty (30) days and for whom Oklahoma is the
2 home of record; or

3 2. Person currently serving as a member of the military reserve
4 on active duty orders of more than thirty (30) days and for whom
5 Oklahoma is the home of record.

6 B. To be eligible for resident tuition as provided for in
7 subsection A of this section and to maintain eligibility, the
8 student shall:

9 1. Satisfy admission and retention standards as determined by
10 the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education for the appropriate
11 type of institution;

12 2. Have secured admission to and enrolled in a full-time or
13 part-time program of study at an institution within The Oklahoma
14 State System of Higher Education;

15 3. Be enrolled in a program of study leading to an associate or
16 a baccalaureate degree; and

17 4. Be continuously enrolled in a program of study at an
18 institution within The Oklahoma State System of Higher Education.

19 C. A student who meets the requirements of this section shall
20 continue to be classified as in-state status for as long as they
21 remain continuously enrolled in a program of study at an institution
22 within The Oklahoma State System of Higher Education.

23 D. A student who meets the requirements of this section shall
24 continue to be classified as in-state status even after the person

1 who was serving on active duty has been discharged or released under
2 conditions other than dishonorable as long as the student remains
3 continuously enrolled in a program of study at an institution within
4 The Oklahoma State System of Higher Education.

5 E. For purposes of this section, "home of record" means the
6 place where one was living when the person enlisted or was
7 commissioned into the military or reenlisted in the military.

8 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2012.

9 SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
10 of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby
11 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and
12 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

13 Passed the House of Representatives the 8th day of March, 2012.

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Presiding Officer of the House of
Representatives

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18 Passed the Senate the ____ day of _____, 2012.

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