

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 2nd Session of the 54th Legislature (2014)

3 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

4 FOR

HOUSE BILL NO. 2634

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8 An Act relating to higher education; providing for a
9 waiver of tuition for certain persons who served in
10 the military; stating eligibility requirements;
11 providing for award of tuition waiver for students
12 that meet certain criteria; stating coverage of
tuition waiver; limiting tuition waiver to certain
programs; providing maximum benefit; providing for
codification; providing an effective date; and
declaring an emergency.

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

16 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
17 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 3248 of Title 70, unless there
18 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

19 A. A student shall be eligible for a full waiver of resident
20 tuition and mandatory fees as provided for in this section if the
21 student:

22 1. Is a United States citizen or lawfully present in the United
23 States;

24 2. Is an Oklahoma resident;

1 3. Served as a member of the active uniformed military services
2 of the United States on full-time active duty status of more than
3 one hundred eighty-one (181) days, excluding training, and for whom
4 Oklahoma is the home of record;

5 4. Has received an honorable discharge from the uniformed
6 military services of the United States;

7 5. Has not been in default on any student loan made or
8 guaranteed by the State of Oklahoma;

9 6. Has used all of the benefits allowed under any Department of
10 Veterans Affairs education benefit program which were earned by the
11 student or all of the benefits have expired; and

12 7. Meets all admission and retention requirements of an
13 institution in The Oklahoma State System of Higher Education.

14 B. A student meeting all of the eligibility requirements as set
15 forth in subsection A of this section shall be awarded a full waiver
16 of resident tuition and mandatory fees provided the student is
17 enrolled in a:

18 1. Program of study leading to an associate degree or a
19 baccalaureate degree; and

20 2. Minimum of six (6) hours in the fall or spring semester or a
21 minimum of three (3) hours in the summer term. The student may meet
22 this minimum enrollment requirement either at a single institution
23 or more than one institution in The Oklahoma State System of Higher
24 Education.

1 C. The waiver of resident tuition provided for in this section
2 shall cover resident tuition for all courses for which resident
3 tuition is charged.

4 D. The waiver of resident tuition provided for in this section
5 shall not be awarded for programs leading to a certificate,
6 continuing education courses, or career technology courses which are
7 not counted towards a degree program at another institution. The
8 tuition waiver shall not apply to professional programs which do not
9 require an earned degree.

10 E. A student may receive a resident tuition waiver as provided
11 for in this section for a total of one hundred twenty-eight (128)
12 credit hours, with a maximum of eighteen (18) semester credit hours
13 each semester, for up to six (6) years from the date of first
14 application.

15 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2014.

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

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