

1 **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

3 2nd Session of the 54th Legislature (2014)

4 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
5 FOR
6 HOUSE BILL NO. 2634

By: Proctor of the House

and

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

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

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

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

- 1 1. Is a United States citizen or lawfully present in the United
2 States;
 - 3 2. Is an Oklahoma resident;
 - 4 3. Served as a member of the active uniformed military services
5 of the United States on full-time active duty status of more than
6 one hundred eighty-one (181) days, excluding training, and for whom
7 Oklahoma is the home of record;
 - 8 4. Has received an honorable discharge from the uniformed
9 military services of the United States;
 - 10 5. Has not been in default on any student loan made or
11 guaranteed by the State of Oklahoma;
 - 12 6. Has used all of the benefits allowed under any Department of
13 Veterans Affairs education benefit program which were earned by the
14 student or all of the benefits have expired; and
 - 15 7. Meets all admission and retention requirements of an
16 institution in The Oklahoma State System of Higher Education.
- 17 B. A student meeting all of the eligibility requirements as set
18 forth in subsection A of this section shall be awarded a full waiver
19 of resident tuition and mandatory fees provided the student is
20 enrolled in a:
- 21 1. Program of study leading to an associate degree or a
22 baccalaureate degree; and
 - 23 2. Minimum of six (6) hours in the fall or spring semester or a
24 minimum of three (3) hours in the summer term. The student may meet

1 this minimum enrollment requirement either at a single institution
2 or more than one institution in The Oklahoma State System of Higher
3 Education.

4 C. The waiver of resident tuition provided for in this section
5 shall cover resident tuition for all courses for which resident
6 tuition is charged.

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

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

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

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

23 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON HIGHER EDUCATION AND CAREERTECH,
24 dated 02/12/2014 - DO PASS, As Amended and Coauthored.