

1 This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Oklahoma 9/11
2 G.I. Bill".

3 SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
4 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 3248.1 of Title 70, unless there
5 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

6 A. A one-hundred-percent-disabled veteran of any branch of the
7 United States Armed Forces, including the United States Army, the
8 United States Navy, the United States Marine Corps, the United
9 States Air Force, the United States Coast Guard or the Oklahoma
10 National Guard, whose injuries were sustained while on active duty
11 and in the performance of his or her duties and his or her spouse
12 and children shall be entitled to attend any state-supported
13 technology center school operating under the State Board of Career
14 and Technology Education or any institution within The Oklahoma
15 State System of Higher Education without payment of tuition or fees.
16 To be eligible, the injury resulting in a disability shall have
17 occurred after September 11, 2001.

18 B. To be eligible for the benefits provided by subsection A of
19 this section, a student seeking waiver of tuition and fees shall:

20 1. Provide the state-supported technology center school or
21 institution of higher education in which he or she enrolls proof of
22 disability status from the United States Department of Veterans
23 Affairs and proof that Oklahoma was the home of record for the
24 military member at the time the disability occurred; and

1 2. In the case of a child of a disabled veteran, enroll in the
2 state-supported technology center school or institution of higher
3 education prior to reaching the age of twenty-one (21).

4 C. The surviving spouse and children of a member of any branch
5 of the United States Armed Forces, including the United States Army,
6 the United States Navy, the United States Marine Corps, the United
7 States Air Force, the United States Coast Guard or the Oklahoma
8 National Guard who was killed in action or killed in the line of
9 duty shall be entitled to attend any state-supported technology
10 center school operating under the State Board of Career and
11 Technology Education or any institution within The Oklahoma State
12 System of Higher Education without payment of tuition or fees. To
13 be eligible, the death of the service member shall have occurred
14 after September 11, 2001.

15 D. To be eligible for the benefits provided by subsection C of
16 this section, a student seeking waiver of tuition and fees shall:

17 1. Provide the state-supported technology center school or
18 institution of higher education in which he or she enrolls proof
19 that Oklahoma was the home of record for the military member; and

20 2. In the case of a child of a military member killed in action
21 or the line of duty, enroll in the state-supported technology center
22 school or institution of higher education prior to reaching the age
23 of twenty-one (21).

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

4 SECTION 3. AMENDATORY Section 1, Chapter 290, O.S.L.
5 2012 (70 O.S. Supp. 2012, Section 3247), is amended to read as
6 follows:

7 Section 3247. A. A student shall be eligible for in-state
8 status regardless of the residency of the student if the student is
9 the dependent child of a:

10 1. Person currently serving as a member of the active uniformed
11 military services of the United States on full-time active duty
12 status of more than thirty (30) days and for whom Oklahoma is the
13 home of record; or

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

17 B. A student shall be eligible for in-state status regardless
18 of the residency of the student if the student is eligible for
19 benefits pursuant to the United States Department of Veterans
20 Affairs Post-9/11 G.I. Bill and was discharged or released under
21 conditions other than dishonorable from the military while at a
22 military installation located in Oklahoma.

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1 C. To be eligible for resident tuition as provided for in
2 ~~subsection~~ subsections A and B of this section and to maintain
3 eligibility, the student shall:

4 1. Satisfy admission and retention standards as determined by
5 the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education for the appropriate
6 type of institution;

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

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

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

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

18 ~~D.~~ E. A student who meets the requirements of this section
19 shall continue to be classified as in-state status even after the
20 person who was serving on active duty has been discharged or
21 released under conditions other than dishonorable as long as the
22 student remains continuously enrolled in a program of study at an
23 institution within The Oklahoma State System of Higher Education.

1 ~~E.~~ F. For purposes of this section, "home of record" means the
2 place where one was living when the person enlisted or was
3 commissioned into the military or reenlisted in the military.

4 SECTION 4. This act shall become effective July 1, 2013.

5 SECTION 5. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
6 of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby
7 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and
8 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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10 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS AND BUDGET, dated
11 04/01/2013 - DO PASS, As Amended and Coauthored.

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