

1 **SENATE FLOOR VERSION**

2 February 20, 2013

3 **AS AMENDED**

4 SENATE BILL NO. 486

5 By: Simpson, Marlatt and
6 Ivester of the Senate

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9 **[higher education - 9/11 G.I. Bill - education**
10 **benefits - certain military children - eligibility -**
11 **codification - effective date -**
12 **emergency]**

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

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

17 This act shall be known and may be cited as the "9/11 G.I.
18 Bill".

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

22 A. A one hundred percent (100%) disabled veteran of any branch
23 of the United States Armed Forces, including the United States Army,
24 the United States Navy, the United States Marine Corps, the United

1 States Air Force, the United States Coast Guard or the Oklahoma
2 National Guard, whose injuries were sustained while on active duty
3 and in the performance of his or her duties and his or her spouse
4 and children shall be entitled to attend any state-supported
5 technology center school operating under the State Board of Career
6 and Technology Education or any institution within The Oklahoma
7 State System of Higher Education without payment of tuition or fees.

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

10 1. Provide the state-supported technology center school or
11 institution of higher education in which he or she enrolls proof of
12 disability status from the United States Department of Veterans
13 Affairs; and

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

17 C. The surviving spouse and children of a member of any branch
18 of the United States Armed Forces, including the United States Army,
19 the United States Navy, the United States Marine Corps, the United
20 States Air Force, the United States Coast Guard or the Oklahoma
21 National Guard who was killed in action or killed in the line of
22 duty shall be entitled to attend any state-supported technology
23 center school operating under the State Board of Career and
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1 Technology Education or any institution within The Oklahoma State
2 System of Higher Education without payment of tuition or fees.

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

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

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

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

15 SECTION 3. AMENDATORY Section 1, Chapter 290, O.S.L.
16 2012 (70 O.S. Supp. 2012, Section 3247), is amended to read as
17 follows:

18 Section 3247. A. A student shall be eligible for in-state
19 status regardless of the residency of the student if the student is
20 the dependent child of a:

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

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

4 B. A student shall be eligible for in-state status regardless
5 of the residency of the student if the student is eligible for
6 benefits pursuant to the 9/11 G.I. Bill created in Section 1 of this
7 act.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

15 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS
16 February 20, 2013 - DO PASS AS AMENDED

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