

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 HOUSE BILL 2267

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to higher education; providing for a
8 waiver of tuition for the dependents and spouses of
9 persons who served in military combat zones; stating
10 eligibility requirements; providing for award of
11 tuition waiver for students that meet certain
12 criteria; stating coverage of tuition waiver;
13 limiting tuition waiver to certain programs;
14 providing maximum benefit; providing for
15 codification; providing an effective date; and
16 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 3248 of Title 70, unless there
20 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

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

24 1. Is a person who is a dependent or spouse of a person who
served at least one tour of active duty in a combat zone with any
branch of the military after the effective date of this act;

1 2. Is an Oklahoma resident;

2 3. Does not currently hold a baccalaureate or graduate degree;

3 and

4 4. Meets all admission and retention requirements of an
5 institution in The Oklahoma State System of Higher Education.

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

10 1. Program of study leading to an associate degree or a
11 baccalaureate degree; and

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

17 C. The waiver of resident tuition provided for in this section
18 shall cover resident tuition for all courses for which resident
19 tuition is charged.

20 D. The waiver of resident tuition provided for in this section
21 shall not be awarded for programs leading to a certificate,
22 continuing education courses, or career technology courses which are
23 not counted towards a degree program at another institution. The
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1 tuition waiver shall not apply to professional programs which do not
2 require an earned degree.

3 E. A student may receive a resident tuition waiver as provided
4 for in this section for a maximum of eighteen (18) semester credit
5 hours each semester, for up to six (6) years from the date of first
6 application.

7 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2013.

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

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