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- 1 AN ACT Relating to waivers of tuition and fees increases at public
- 2 institutions of higher education; amending RCW 28B.15.380; and adding
- 3 a new section to chapter 28B.15 RCW.
- 4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:
- 5 NEW SECTION. Sec. 1. A new section is added to chapter 28B.15 RCW
- 6 to read as follows:
- 7 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, veterans of the Persian
- 8 Gulf conflict who have served in the Persian Gulf theater of operations
- 9 and who are attending institutions of higher learning shall be exempted
- 10 from the payment of any increase in tuition and fees otherwise
- 11 applicable to any other resident or nonresident student at any
- 12 institution of higher education, and shall not be required to pay more
- 13 than the total amount of tuition and fees paid by veterans of the
- 14 Vietnam conflict on October 1, 1977: PROVIDED, That for the purposes
- 15 of this exemption, "veterans of the Persian Gulf conflict" shall be

- 1 those persons who have been on active federal service as a member of
- 2 the armed military or naval forces of the United States commencing
- 3 January 15, 1991, and who qualify as a resident student under RCW
- 4 28B.15.012.
- 5 **Sec. 2.** RCW 28B.15.380 and 1990 c 154 s 1 are each amended to read
- 6 as follows:
- 7 In addition to any other exemptions as may be provided by law, the
- 8 board of regents at the state universities may exempt the following
- 9 classes of persons from the payment of tuition fees or services and
- 10 activities fees except for individual instruction fees:
- 11 (1) All veterans as defined in RCW 41.04.005: PROVIDED, That such
- 12 persons are no longer entitled to federal vocational or educational
- 13 benefits conferred by virtue of their military service: AND PROVIDED
- 14 FURTHER, That if any such veterans have not resided in this state for
- 15 one year prior to registration said board may exempt them up to one-
- 16 half of the tuition payable by other nonresident students: AND,
- 17 PROVIDED FURTHER, That such exemptions shall be provided only to those
- 18 persons otherwise covered who were enrolled in universities on or
- 19 before October 1, 1977.
- 20 (2) Children of any law enforcement officer or fire fighter who
- 21 lost his life or became totally disabled in the line of duty while
- 22 employed by any public law enforcement agency or full time or volunteer
- 23 fire department in this state: PROVIDED, That such persons may receive
- 24 the exemption only if they begin their course of study at a state
- 25 university within ten years of their graduation from high school.
- 26 (3) Children of persons killed on active federal service as a
- 27 member of the armed military or naval forces of the United States
- 28 serving in the Persian Gulf theater of operations.