
SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 6695

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By Senate Committee on Early Learning, K-12 & Higher Education
(originally sponsored by Senators Schmidt, McAuliffe, Kohl-Welles,
Rasmussen and Oke)

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1 AN ACT Relating to tuition waivers for veterans and national guard
2 members; and amending RCW 28B.15.621.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 28B.15.621 and 2005 c 249 s 1 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 (1) The legislature finds that active military and naval veterans,
7 reserve military and naval veterans, and national guard members called
8 to active duty have served their country and have risked their lives to
9 defend the lives of all Americans and the freedoms that define and
10 distinguish our nation. The legislature intends to honor active
11 military and naval veterans, reserve military and naval veterans, and
12 national guard members who have served on active military or naval duty
13 for the public service they have provided to this country.

14 (2) Subject to the limitations in RCW 28B.15.910, the governing
15 boards of the state universities, the regional universities, The
16 Evergreen State College, and the community colleges, may waive all or
17 a portion of tuition and fees for the following persons:

18 (a) An eligible veteran or national guard member;

1 (b) A child and the spouse of an eligible veteran or national guard
2 member who became totally disabled as defined in RCW 28B.15.385 while
3 engaged in active federal military or naval service, or who is
4 determined by the federal government to be a prisoner of war or missing
5 in action;

6 (c) A child and the surviving spouse of an eligible veteran or
7 national guard member who lost his or her life while engaged in active
8 federal military or naval service. However, upon remarriage, the
9 surviving spouse of an eligible veteran or national guard member is
10 ineligible for a waiver under this section.

11 (3) The governing boards of the state universities, the regional
12 universities, The Evergreen State College, and the community colleges,
13 may waive all or a portion of tuition and fees for a military or naval
14 veteran who is a Washington domiciliary, but who did not serve on
15 foreign soil or in international waters or in another location in
16 support of those serving on foreign soil or in international waters and
17 who does not qualify as an eligible veteran or national guard member
18 under subsection (5) of this section. However, there shall be no state
19 general fund support for waivers granted under this subsection.

20 (4) Private vocational schools and private higher education
21 institutions are encouraged to provide waivers consistent with the
22 terms in subsections (2) and (3) of this section.

23 (5) As used in this section "eligible veteran or national guard
24 member" means a Washington domiciliary who was an active or reserve
25 member of the United States military or naval forces, or a past or
26 current national guard member (~~((called to active duty,))~~) who served or
27 serves, as applicable, in active federal service, under either Title 10
28 or Title 32 of the United States Code, in a war or conflict fought on
29 foreign soil or in international waters or in another location in
30 support of those serving on foreign soil or in international waters,
31 and if discharged from service, has received an honorable discharge.

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